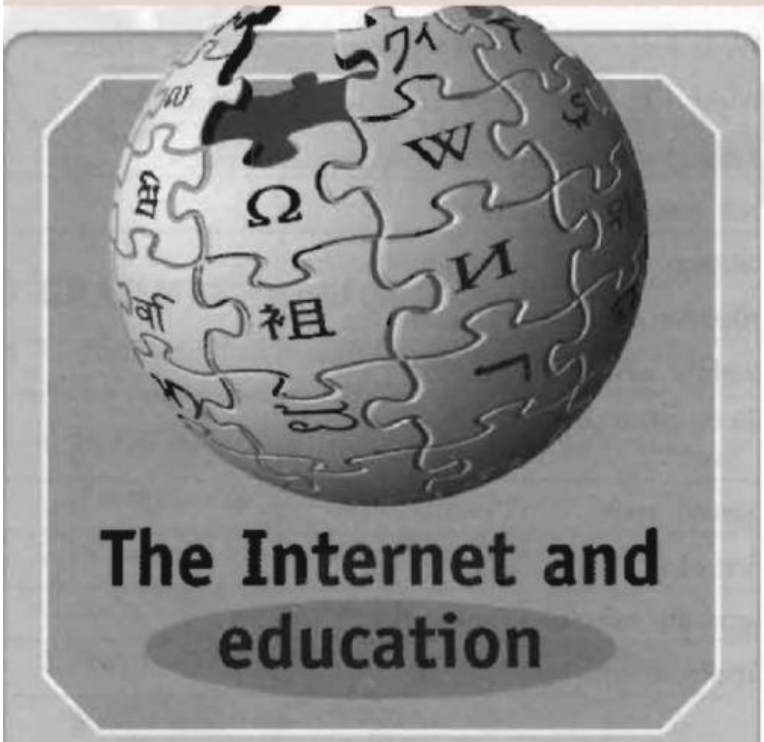
HOMEWORK

INTERMEDIATE - DAY 26

1. Reading:



The Internet and education

Until quite recently Silicon Valley and its innovations had little effect on teaching and learning. But with the rise of the Internet, information technology is now beginning to have much more influence on education. Two areas which are becoming more and more significant are 'blogs' and 'wikis'.

The word 'blog' is short for 'weblog'. A blog is an online diary or 'log' of someone's life, thoughts, or opinions. Anybody can create their own 'blog' and blogging is becoming extremely popular – type 'blog' into Google and you'll get over 500 million results. For educational purposes, academics, teachers, and students create blogs as personal online study sites: places to work together and share information and ideas. Some universities even give their students and staff free space on a server to start their own blogs.

'Wikis' are websites where anyone can add content and make changes, so that the site becomes a group creation – 'wiki' stands for 'What I Know Is'. These sites can be a valuable source of information and opinion for students, though the information may not be totally accurate – some academics refuse to use them. Perhaps the best-known wiki is the online encyclopaedia, Wikipedia, which has more than one million entries in over 100 languages. Wikipedia is working hard to make sure that its

a Read the article and find the answers to these questions as quickly as you can.

1 Is information technology more or less important in education than before?

more

2 Where does the word 'blog' come from?

3 What is a 'blog'?

4 What are blogs used for at universities?

5 What does 'WIKI' mean?

6 Who puts the information on this kind of website?

7 Why do students need to be careful if they use 'Wikis' when they study?

8 What is Wikipedia?

b Underline five words or phrases you don't know. Use your dictionary to look up their meaning and pronunciation.

2. GRAMMAR first conditional and future time clauses + *when, until,* etc.

a Match the sentence halves.

1 She won't pass her exams [d]

2 I'll have to go to a new school [ ]

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information is completely accurate, so students will be able to use it with confidence, and there's no doubt that it is an incredible resource.

b Circle the correct answers.

1 He'll study history at university (if) / until he gets good grades.
2 She won't start the class as soon as / until all the pupils are quiet.
3 I'll probably talk to my teachers before / if I choose my exam subjects.
4 We'll have to wear a uniform when / after we go to secondary school.
5 I won't leave early unless / if the teacher gives me permission.
6 She'll do her homework if / as soon as she gets home.
7 He'll be really disappointed if / unless he fails his exams.
8 She won't go to secondary school until / as soon as she's 11 years old.

c Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or future (*will / won't*).

1 If I *don't write* the date in my diary, I *'ll forget* it. (not write, forget)
2 _____ you _____ the exam again if you _____ it? (take, fail)
3 I _____ my homework as soon as this programme _____. (do, end)
4 Unless her marks _____ very good, she _____ study medicine. (be, not be able to)
5 He _____ home until he _____ at university. (not leave, finish)
6 When I _____ my results I _____ you immediately. (get, call)
7 I _____ and see you before I _____ to England. (come, go)
8 We _____ late unless we _____. (be, hurry up)
9 Until I _____ to my teacher I _____ what subjects I'm doing. (speak, not know)
10 You _____ the exam if you _____ more. (not pass, not revise)

3 She won't start primary school ☐
4 I think I'll go on holiday ☐
5 As soon as I get home ☐
6 Her parents will get her a present ☐

a after I finish my exams.
b if she gets good marks.
c I'm going to do my homework.
d unless she revises more.
e until she's four years old.
f when my parents move to Doncaster.

2. Writing: Write a paragraph (with at least 3 ideas):

Do you think school exams in your country are easier than they used to be?

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