UNIT 6: NETWORK SYSTEMS

Lesson 1



ACTIVITY 1: Listen and read. Agatha is the owner of a small flower shop. Katharina is a network architect. Agatha needs some advice from Katharina about a network solution. AUDIO 34.

[A = Agatha; K = Katharina]

A: Hi, Katharina. It's good to see you again. How are you?
K: I'm fine. And you?
A: Fine, thanks.
K: I'm really glad to hear about your success.
A: Thank you.
K: So how can I help you?
A: I wanted to see you because I need your advice. We think we should offer our products and services online to increase our market share. What do you think?
K: That's a great idea. You should definitely do that.
A: Good. So what exactly should I do?
K: I'd recommend that you set up an E-commerce flower shop.
A: OK.
K: I'll send you an e-mail with some recommendations.
A: Oh, thank you very much. We ought to be ready for Mother's Day.
K: In that case, I'd suggest we start right away. Let me ask you some questions …





ACTIVITY 2: Answer questions 1 and 2. Choose the best answer for questions 3 and 4.

1. What does Agatha think she should do?

Agatha thinks she should _____

2. What does Katharina recommend?

Katharina recommends _____

3. What does Katharina say she will do?

She will_____

4. When does Agatha want the network to be ready?

Agatha wants the network ready _____

ACTIVITY 3: Read Kathrina´s email to Agatha. Complete this email with the words in the box.

equipment	Internet	LAN	recommend
remote	should	VPN	WAN

Dear Agatha

Following our meeting last week, please find my recommendations for your business. I think you (1) _____ set up a LAN, or Local Area Network, and a WAN, or Wide Area Network, for your needs. A (2) _____ connects devices over a small area, for example your apartment and the shop. In addition, you should connect office (3) _____ , such as the printer, scanner and fax machine, to your LAN because you can then share these devices between users.

I'd recommend that we connect the LAN to a (4) _____ so you can link to the Internet and sell your products. In addition, I'd (5) _____ we set up a Virtual Private Network so that you have a (6) _____ access to your company's LAN, when you travel.

(7) _____ is a private network that uses a public network, usually the (8) _____ , to connect remote sites or users together.

Let's meet on Friday to discuss these recommendations.

Best regards

Katharina

