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This month on TechBlog

These days, we all use the Internet – for everything. It's on our computers, our smartphones … it's everywhere. But what if you don't have the Internet? What if you can't send emails, you can't post photos, and you can't go online to get information?

How long could you live like that? A day? A week maybe, if you're on vacation? A month?

Here at Tech Blog we asked the García family in Richmond, Virginia, to live without the Internet for a whole month. Read our interview with Chris García, 17, about what it's like to go offline.

THE INTERVIEW

Chris, is your life different without the Internet?

Yes, it's really different! We usually get our TV through the Internet, so now I don't watch TV. And I usually go online to find information. But now we don't have the Internet, so I go to the library and do my homework there.

What about your parents?

It's not easy for them, either! My mom usually does her shopping online, but now she goes to the store every weekend. My dad likes to read the news online, but now he doesn't have the Internet, so he usually buys a newspaper. The good thing is, he doesn't do any work at home now, so he has more free time, and he plays chess with me.

What about friends?

That is a big problem. If I'm not on social media, I have no idea what my friends are doing. But I think life is good without the Internet. I can't chat online now, so now I go and see my friends, and we do things together. But a month without the Internet is enough. I can't wait to go back online again!



The García family

INTERNET FACT FILE

- The average teenager spends about nine hours a day online.
- Every minute, more than 500 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube.

1 READING

a How do you use the Internet? Check (✓) the things you sometimes do. Check (✓✓) the things you do every day.

- ☐☐ find information
- ☐☐ talk to friends
- ☐☐ send emails
- ☐☐ watch movies or TV
- ☐☐ post pictures
- ☐☐ play games
- ☐☐ buy things
- ☐☐ download music



LIVEWORKSHEETS

c Read the first part of the blog post.

1 Is it about … ?
  a using the Internet more
  b using the Internet less

2 What is unusual about the García family this month?

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d Read the interview and answer the questions.

1 Which of the activities (a–f) does Chris do more without the Internet?
  a reading
  b going out
  c shopping
  d doing things with his father
  e chatting with friends
  f watching TV

2 What activities are now more difficult for Chris and his parents?

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2 VOCABULARY Technology

a Match the words in the box with pictures 1–10.

computer smartphone tablet smartwatch speaker
keyboard printer headphones camera laptop



LIVEWORKSHEETS