



Reading

- 3 For questions 1–7, read the text and decide if the statements about the article are **TRUE** or **FALSE**. Put a cross [X] in the correct column in the table.

The article says that...	TRUE	FALSE
1 young people think that the internet is quite new.		
2 most adults use the internet on mobiles or tablets.		
3 young adults and teenagers use the internet for exactly the same reasons.		
4 25- to 34-year-olds mainly use the internet for banking and business.		
5 most people who don't use the internet are pensioners.		
6 20% more teenagers use the internet today than five years ago.		
7 the internet makes people bad at communicating with others.		

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The Rise and Rise of the Internet

Most young people don't realise that the internet is a modern invention – after all, they don't remember a time without it. But it's still quite a new technology.

These days, more than three quarters of British adults use the internet every day. A very high percentage of adults (about 70%) use portable devices like mobile phones and tablets to access the internet.

18- to 24-year-olds use the internet more than any other age group. The number one activity is social networking followed by downloading and playing games. Adults aged 25–34 use the internet more than other age groups to buy things on-line. In fact, about 90% of people in this age group do some of their shopping in this way. They also score most for doing other home-related activities like internet banking (70%), and for carrying out business activities like selling products or services online (36%). Some people never use the internet. Just over half are aged 75 years and over.

And what about the youngest age groups?

Well, school-age teenagers come second in the list of internet users after young adults. 93% of young teens use the internet regularly, which is an increase of 20% in only five years. They mainly use it for social networking and finding information for school.

And the most popular internet activity overall? Well, it's the humble email! So it seems that we're not worse at communicating with other people, we just do it in a different way!