3 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box.

🔊 **49** **Words connected with technology**

cloud · earbud · firewall · freeze · net · storage · stream ·
tweet · virus

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TECHNOLOGY _AND_ NATURE

Many words used for technology originally came from nature. But a **2019** study by researchers at the University of Leeds has found that we now use many of these words much more frequently with their new, technological meaning.

- In the 1990s, a **(a)** .... was only a small river, but now 64% of the times it is used, it describes how we play online video or audio on our computer so that we can see or hear it continuously.
- In the past, we used **(b)** .... to describe a thing for catching fish, for example. But now 37% of all uses are to talk about the Internet.
- 23% of all of the uses of **(c)** .... are to talk about online data **(d)** ...., keeping data safe outside your own computer. It's no longer just that fluffy white thing in the sky.
- The word for the part of the plant that opens up to form a leaf or flower is part of the word **(e)** ...., the wireless earphones that have become so popular.
- 99% of the uses of the word **(f)** .... are to talk about short social media posts, not the sound made by birds.
- If the images on our computer stop moving, we say the computer has **(g)** ...., as if it had turned to ice.
- Originally a **(h)** .... was literally something built to stop flames spreading from inside a building, but now we use it for a computer program that stops hackers entering your system. And while we're on that subject, it's interesting that we say a computer has a **(i)** ...., as if it were a living thing that had become sick.

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