



Get started

Look at the photo and answer the questions.

- Why do you think people spend so much time online nowadays?
- What activities do you enjoy doing online?
- How do you think online entertainment affects people's social lives?

Develop your vocabulary

1 Choose the correct word.

- 1 Do you consider using Twitter and other social media to be a worthwhile online **chore** / **pastime**?
- 2 The **avatar** / **password** which represents Tom in this game is a warrior cat.
- 3 Parents who worry about the possible negative influence of online activities on their children can block their **access** / **account** to certain websites.
- 4 Video **streaming** / **running** is a great way to listen to your favourite bands online.
- 5 The **graphics** / **graphs** on this game are so life-like they greatly enhance the visual effect.
- 6 I don't have to carry heavy books on holiday because I've got them all on my **e-book** / **e-reader**.
- 7 Virtual **realistic** / **reality** games are being developed to appeal to people from all walks of life.

2 Write a word or phrase from the box in each gap.

chat rooms ■ file-sharing ■ forums ■ leisure ■ microblogging
 ■ search ■ socialise ■ upload

A common way for people to (1) _____ these days is to spend time in chat (2) _____. These usually have several different (3) _____ related to a variety of interests and hobbies where you can talk to like-minded people. Other popular online activities include (4) _____, in which people make very short comments about things, as well as (5) _____ sites, where people (6) _____ music, videos or photos to share with others. Whatever your interests, you can find sites related to just about any (7) _____ activity simply by entering key words into a (8) _____ engine.

Develop your Use of English skills: understanding parts of speech

1 Complete the table using the words below.

cheerful ■ currently ■ disadvantage ■ encourage ■ growth
 ■ happily ■ imprison ■ intention ■ judgement ■ lonely
 ■ normally ■ poisonous ■ relieve ■ unclear

Noun	Adjective	Verb	Adverb

2 Match each underlined word with its part of speech.

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|--|---|------------------------|
| 1 <u>Although</u> Ursula is shy, she likes to socialise in an online chat forum where she has made many friends. | — | a question adverb |
| 2 If you enter the right key words, you should be able to find <u>it</u> on the net. | — | b intensifier |
| 3 You <u>could</u> upload your pictures onto Flickr to share them in that way. | — | c adverb of frequency |
| 4 I really enjoyed <u>myself</u> watching all those old music videos on YouTube. | — | d conjunction |
| 5 Can you tell me <u>why</u> you started your own fashion blog? | — | e preposition |
| 6 The site is run <u>by</u> celebrity blogger Perez Hilton. | — | f modal verb |
| 7 <u>We</u> watch most of our favourite TV series online nowadays. | — | g object pronoun |
| 8 I wouldn't touch <u>his</u> gaming equipment if I were you. | — | h reflexive pronoun |
| 9 I think it's a <u>pretty</u> boring role-playing game actually. | — | i quantifier |
| 10 It's best to start off <u>slowly</u> in this game and then build up speed. | — | j adverb of manner |
| 11 I've made <u>several</u> attempts to beat Claire's high score without success. | — | k subject pronoun |
| 12 I <u>sometimes</u> join in games online with multiple players. | — | l possessive adjective |

3 Complete the table.

Verb	Noun	Adjective	Adverb
	amazement		
attract			
—			(un)charitably
free			
—		(un)kind	
			(un)knowingly
recognise			
	relation		
		(un)safe	
succeed			

4 Choose the correct word.

- 1 The music industry has tried to find ways to limit the **popular / popularity** of file-sharing sites.
- 2 It's my **ambition / ambitious** to get a thousand followers on the microblogging site Twitter.
- 3 Bella found it quite **embarrassment / embarrassing** when her friend uploaded some old class photos onto Facebook.
- 4 You can **improvement / improve** your game score with practice.
- 5 My internet connection is so **reliable / unreliable** that I'm going to change my provider.
- 6 You won't need much **equipment / equipped** apart from a webcam and a microphone.
- 7 The **apparent / appearance** of computer graphics is so much better than it was.
- 8 I don't feel **comfortable / comfort** talking to strangers on the internet.
- 9 Who knows what **direct / direction** online entertainment will take in the future?

5 Each word in bold in the text is in the incorrect form. Write the correct word.

Game terms

The (1) **advanced** of online entertainment and online gaming has not only brought about changes in how we use our (2) **freedom** time but it has also led to the (3) **introduce** of specific new terms. For example, you will often see a (4) **referring** to an RPG – a role-playing game. In such games, players take on a new (5) **identify**, probably using an avatar as well. In (6) **additionally**, many RPGs are also what's (7) **knowledge** as an MMOG – Massively Multiplayer Online Games. These are games which allow large numbers of players to take part (8) **simultaneous**, in other words, all at the same time. Therefore, one of their most (9) **attracted** features is that they offer a chance to make new online (10) **acquaint**.

- 1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____ 7 _____ 9 _____
 2 _____ 4 _____ 6 _____ 8 _____ 10 _____

6 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given.

- 1 Sally doesn't intend to allow anyone to bully her out of the chat room.
OF
 Sally _____ anyone to bully her out of the chat room.
- 2 I had difficulty in watching the film on a small tablet screen.
TO
 I found _____ the film on a small tablet screen.
- 3 If you want to succeed as a blogger, you need to come up with more original blog topics.
BE
 If you want _____ blogger, you need to come up with more original blog topics.
- 4 I regret inviting Sam to play the online virtual reality game with us.
WISH
 I _____ Sam to play the online virtual reality game with us.
- 5 I can't believe he behaved so badly towards other people on the forum.
BAD
 I can't believe _____ towards other people on the forum.
- 6 How do these two video games differ?
BETWEEN
 Can you tell me what _____ these two video games?