

VOCABULARY

THE INTERNET

- 1 Read the situations and write the type of website or web page a)–l) the speakers need.
- 'I want to write my day-to-day thoughts and publish them on the internet.' blog
 - 'I need my own website that tells people who I am and what I do.'
 - 'I just need to find some information very quickly.'
 - 'I'm looking for love.'
 - 'I want to put my photos on the net so my friends and family can see them.'
 - 'I need some information about a big company that I might work for.'
 - 'I want to find out what's going on in the world.'
 - 'I want to make new friends and find out what my old friends are doing.'
 - 'I want to find out the best places to go for a holiday.'
 - 'I'd like to read short reviews of films, restaurants, etc., to see which are the best.'
 - 'I'd like to see this film clip that my friend uploaded onto the net.'
 - 'I want to write an online encyclopedia that everyone can contribute to.'
- blog
 - photo sharing site
 - ratings site
 - video sharing site
 - social networking site
 - search engine
 - wiki
 - travel site
 - news site
 - personal homepage
 - dating site
 - corporate website

GRAMMAR

RELATIVE CLAUSES

- 2 Match each pair of sentences with the correct explanation, a) or b).
- The children, who love films, went to the cinema. *b*
 - The children who love films went to the cinema. *a*
 - Only some of the children went to the cinema.
 - All of the children went to the cinema.
 - Her brother, who is a musician, lives in New York.
 - Her brother who is a musician lives in New York.
 - She has one brother. He lives in New York.
 - She has more than one brother. One of them lives in New York.

- My house, which is by the beach, has a great view.
- My house which is by the beach has a great view.
 - I have more than one house.
 - I have only one house.
- They went to the only school in the village, which had good teachers.
- They went to the only school in the village which had good teachers.
 - There was more than one school in the village, but only one had good teachers.
 - There was only one school in the village.

- 3 Complete the quotations of definitions with the words in the box.

thing that	who behaves	clothing that	which has
person who	place where	name that	a place

- 'A jumper is an item of _____ is worn by a child when his or her mother is cold.'
- 'A dictionary is the only _____ success comes before work.'
- 'A coward is a _____, when faced with danger, thinks with his feet.'
- 'Experience is the _____ men give to their mistakes.'
- 'A cigarette is a bit of tobacco in paper _____ fire at one end and an idiot at the other.'
- 'An advertisement is a _____ persuades you to spend money you don't have on things you don't need.'
- 'A babysitter is a teenager _____ like an adult so adults can behave like teenagers.'
- 'A bank is a _____ you keep the government's money in your name.'

- 4  8.3 Listen for the pauses where there are commas. Tick the sentence you hear.

- The website which we built is too slow.
 - The website, which we built, is too slow.
- Those people who are always working don't enjoy life.
 - Those people, who are always working, don't enjoy life.
- The ratings site which I check every day is growing fast.
 - The ratings site, which I check every day, is growing fast.
- Those students who do online courses love studying.
 - Those students, who do online courses, love studying.
- Near my flat where you're staying there's a supermarket.
 - Near my flat, where you're staying, there's a supermarket.

READING

5 A Look at the picture and the title of the text below. What do you think a *silver surfer* is?

B Read the text and answer the questions.

- Who introduced Barbara to the internet?

- Why did Barbara dislike it at first?

- What age are most of the people who go online?

- Why did Barbara feel lonely before she used the internet?

- Which type of online communication do silver surfers use the most?

C Match words 1–5 from the text with definitions a)–e).

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| 1 to adapt
(paragraph 1) | a) to start doing something new as a habit |
| 2 to take to it
(paragraph 2) | b) the larger number or part of something |
| 3 absolutely
(paragraph 2) | c) completely |
| 4 the majority
(paragraph 3) | d) very keen or interested |
| 5 avid
(paragraph 5) | e) to change something to fit a different situation |

WRITING

A WEBSITE REVIEW; LEARN TO USE COMPLEX SENTENCES

6 A Complete gaps 1–4 in paragraphs A–D with the words in the box.

like feature best would

A ☐ Another ¹ _____ I like is the book reviews. Regular users of the website often write these. Even though the writers aren't professionals, some of the reviews are excellent and they give you a good idea of what's in the book.

B ☐ One website I really ² _____ is amazon.com. It is a website for buying books. One reason I'd recommend it is because you can buy used books. This means you can get really good books for half the price they cost in the shops.

C ☐ Finally, I ³ _____ recommend this website to anybody who is interested in books. Even if you don't buy anything, it is fun to surf the site, and a great source of information about books of all types.

D ☐ The ⁴ _____ thing about Amazon, though, is the fact that it is so easy to use and you can trust it. I have ordered dozens of books through Amazon and the books have always arrived quickly and in good condition.

B Put the paragraphs of the website review in the correct order.

C Write a website review (120–150 words).

//////SILVER SURFERS//////

1 When Sonya Alanis showed her grandmother, Barbara, how to use a few online tools, she didn't really think her older relative would be very interested. But two years later she is amazed at how well her grandmother has adapted to the world of the internet. Barbara now has her own online profile, does her shopping online and is in regular contact with her granddaughter using live chat and email. And she isn't showing any signs of stopping.

2 'I was using my tablet one day,' explained Sonya, 'and my grandmother asked me what I was spending so much time doing. She found it quite annoying I think, mostly because she didn't really understand it. So I showed her some of the things I use – social networking, online chat, that kind of thing. I didn't really think she would take to it at all but she absolutely loved it. Now I'm at university and she messages me every day. I think she is online more than me to be honest.'

3 Barbara has become a silver surfer and she's not alone. In the last few years, the world of the internet has grown up. Although people below the age of 50 still make up the majority of internet users, older people are logging on in larger and larger numbers. And once they've started, the internet becomes an everyday part of their lives.

4 Barbara has some ideas about why this change has happened. 'Once I learnt how to surf and message people it changed my life', she said, 'Before the internet I was quite lonely. My family are wonderful but they live quite far away and they are all so busy. I don't drive so I can't visit them very easily – in fact I usually only go out when they have time to take me. I use public transport occasionally but I find it difficult to carry large bags of shopping or to find my way around busy towns. So using the internet makes my life much easier. I can contact people every day and I keep in touch with people more easily.'

5 Once older people find that using the internet is so convenient, they often become avid users, though in a different way to young people. Silver surfers use email the most, sending messages to share information and contact family and friends. They also use the internet to find health information and to book travel tickets or shop online. As Sonya says, 'My grandmother is now giving me advice on new apps! She's getting better at using the web than me!'

