

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



Words connected with technology

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

on a story?

5 What do you normally
download?

Reach higher

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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 a heartbeat.

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