

READING & VOCABULARY



1 a) *Guess the meanings of the words in the left column, then match two columns.*

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| 1 website | <input type="checkbox"/> | a speaker of a language who has spoken it since early childhood |
| 2 chat room | <input type="checkbox"/> | the knowledge or skill that you get through a learning process |
| 3 native speaker | <input type="checkbox"/> | a site on the Internet where a number of users can communicate |
| 4 education | <input type="checkbox"/> | a page that is linked to related pages |

b) *Read the text and name three things about the Internet you find the most important.*

The Internet is one of the most powerful educational tools which is always ready for use. Within seconds you can learn about new civilisations, travel to the past or the future, see fantastic pictures of nature, islands, cities or works of art. You can go to chat rooms, hear touching human stories, and, what is most important, you can see the eyes of your students lit with excitement.

- **Your Language Exchange Online Community**

Find a partner in the online community and practise your foreign language (any language) with a native speaker who is learning your language.

- **Foreign Language Education Sites**

Many sites are helpful in learning and teaching foreign languages.



2 Match the words with their definitions.

- the Internet
- to download
- e-mail
- to blog
- website
- password
- blogger
- to surf
- chat room



VOCABULARY BOX

an excitement

[ɪk'saɪtmənt]

a network [ˈnetwɜ:k]

a tool [tu:l]

to connect [kə'nekt]

to download

[ˌdaʊn'ləʊd]

to surf [sɜ:f]

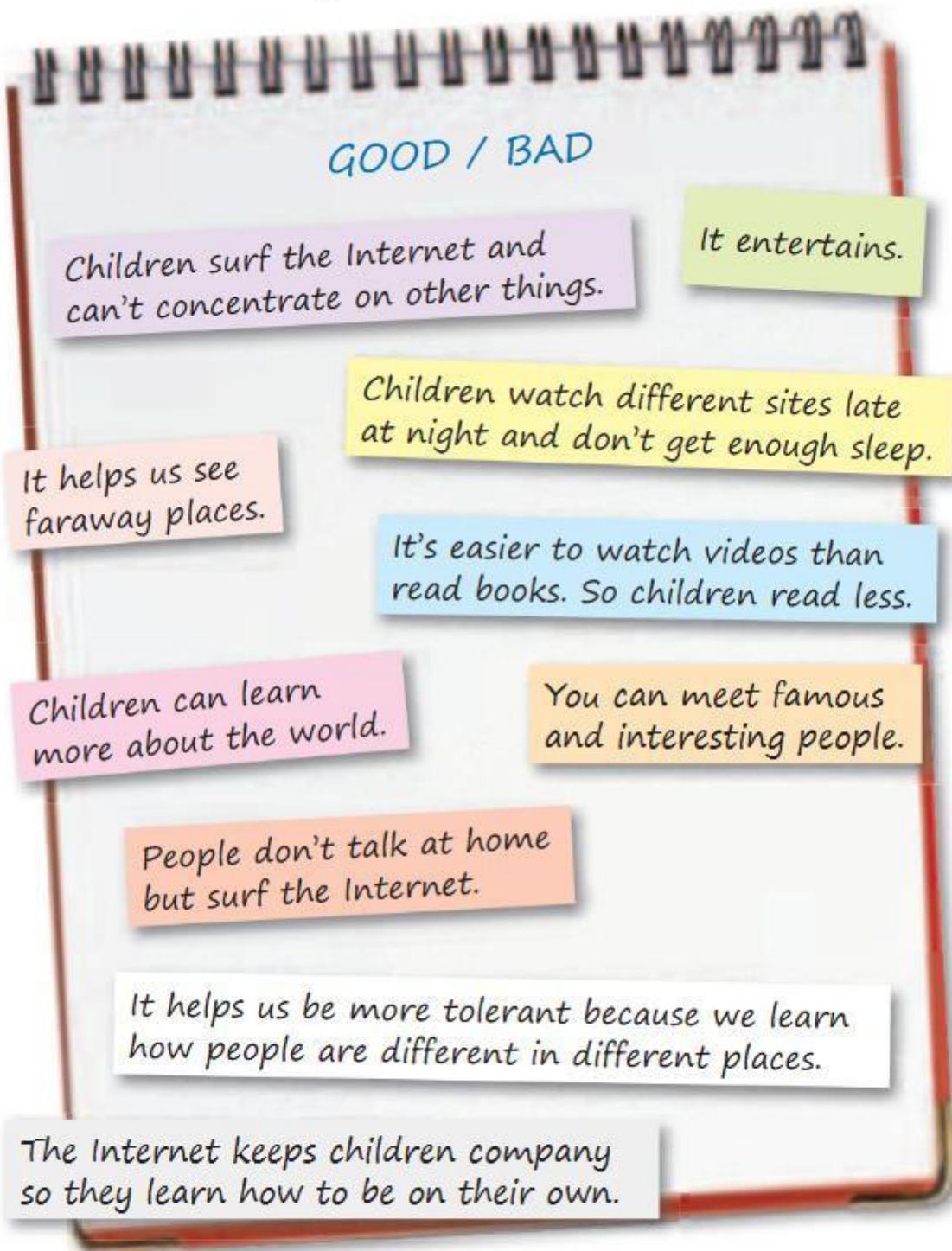
human [ˈhju:mən]

native [ˈneɪtɪv]

related [rɪ'leɪtɪd]

- 1 to use the Internet while looking for information
- 2 a secret word or a phrase that you need to know to be allowed to use a computer system
- 3 to write about your activities and opinions on the net (like keeping an online diary) so that other people can read and discuss them
- 4 a way of sending messages and information to other people by means of computers connected in a network
- 5 a person who writes an online diary
- 6 to move information from a larger computer system to a smaller one
- 7 an international computer network connecting other networks and computers from companies, universities, different organisations, etc.
- 8 an area on the Internet where you can communicate with each other
- 9 a place connected to the Internet, where a company, an organisation or an individual puts information

3 a) Read the statements below. Copy them in your notebooks under the headings:



b) Add some more good or bad points.