



THE INTERNET

"I hope we will use the Net to cross barriers and connect cultures."

Sir Tim Berners-Lee, British inventor of the World Wide Web

1. The Internet Discussion

1. What is the Internet? How does it work?
2. How much of your time is spent on the Internet? Do you think this is too much?
3. What are the different things you use the Internet for?
4. What are your favourite websites? How do you use the Internet for entertainment?
5. What do you like most about the Internet? What do you like the least?
6. How is the Internet different today compared to the first time you used it?
7. How has the Internet affected communication between people?
8. How has the Internet changed the world? How has it made it better? Are there any ways that it has made it worse?

2. The Internet Vocabulary

- **to surf the net** (verb, idiom) – *to browse the Internet.*
- **internet service provider (ISP)** (noun) – *a company that provides internet services to residential customers and businesses.*
- **the dark web** (noun) – *a hidden part of the Internet only accessible with special browsing software, allowing website owners to remain anonymous or untraceable by authorities.*
- **cybersecurity / internet security** (noun) – *security measures taken to protect users when using the Internet.*
- **cyberbullying, cyberbully** (nouns) – *bullying that takes place on the Internet; someone who uses the Internet to bully others, often anonymously.*
- **browsing history** (noun) – *a record saved on your web browser of all the websites you visit.*

Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun):

1. Everyone needs to learn about **cybersecurity/internet security** to protect them from the new generation of online criminals.
2. I can spend hours just **surfing the net** looking at random websites.
3. In order to avoid **cyberbullying**, you should not upload any embarrassing photos of your child onto your social media account.
4. My internet stopped working so I had to ring my **internet service provider/ISP**, but all they said was that they are aware of the problem and are dealing with it. That was five days ago!
5. The police warned parents that drug dealers have started to use **the dark web** to sell drugs to children.
6. The politician was forced to resign when his **browsing history** was made public by hackers. The FBI have also called him in for questioning.

The Internet vocabulary comprehension questions

1. When do you surf the net most?
2. Who is your ISP? Are you happy with them?
3. What have you heard about the dark web? Does it concern you in any way?
4. What kind of cybersecurity precautions do you take?
5. Why is cyberbullying such a problem at schools these days?
6. How would you feel if your browsing history were made public?

3. Video: The World Wide Web

You are going to watch a video by TED Ed called "What is the world wide web?"

Watch the video here: <https://yourenglishpal.com/blog/esl-conversation-lesson-plan-internet/>

While you watch the video, answer the following questions:

Multiple choice

1. How many people use the World Wide Web every day?
a) millions b) billions c) trillions
2. What is the Internet?
a) multiple computers **b) an information sharing network** c) a place to save information
3. What is the most common use of the Internet?
a) email b) file transfer **c) accessing the www**
4. What is a domain name?
a) your house address **b) a website address** c) the webhost address

Sentence completion

5. Information saved on websites is in web **languages**, such as HTML or JavaScript.
6. A **web browser** is used to decode all the information on a website so we can see the words, images and videos.
7. The world wide web is a **big virtual city** that allows people to communicate with each other.
8. Nobody **owns** the web; it belongs to everyone.

Short answer

9. Who do we have to pay to gain access to the web? **An internet service provider**
10. Who do we have to pay to rent web space? **A hosting company**
11. Hyperlinks allow the web to operate on the same lines as what? **Our thought patterns**
12. The web reflects both the wider society and what? **Our individual minds**

4. The Internet Conversation Questions

1. How can the Internet be dangerous? Are there any types of websites you think should be banned? Why?
2. What privacy and security concerns do you have about the Internet?
3. What kind of criminal activities has the Internet enabled?
4. How can parents make sure their children are safe when they use the Internet?
5. How do some political groups or governments use the Internet to manipulate or oppress people?
6. What would happen if the Internet suddenly stopped working? Could you survive without it?
7. How much of your life is dependent on the Internet? What can you do with no Internet?
8. How will the Internet be different in the future? What new things will we be able to do thanks to the Internet?

5. The Internet Writing Task

Write about your opinion of the Internet. Try to use some of the vocabulary you learned earlier in this lesson. In your answer, you could include some of the following topics:

- What you use the Internet for.
- How the Internet has changed our lives.
- The dangers of the Internet.

Alternative exam practice question:

Due to the expansion of the Internet and social media, cyberbullying is becoming more of a problem in schools. How has the Internet enabled cyberbullying? What can be done to solve this problem?