

Technology and computers

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

screen • laptop • modem • memory stick • cable • headphones • keyboard • speakers • webcam • USB ports

- 1 When I put on _____ to listen to music, I can't hear my mum calling me!
- 2 Why don't you save the documents on your _____ and I can copy them from there onto my computer?
- 3 I can't see the photos because the sun is shining on the _____.
- 4 I've got two _____ on my CPU: one for my WiFi and one for my mouse.
- 5 We saw a video of Sam dancing in front of his _____. It was hilarious!
- 6 Somebody has swapped the 'p' and the 'o' on this _____! It's really confusing!
- 7 Turn on the _____. I can't hear the music on this video.
- 8 The light on the _____ is green so we should have an internet connection.
- 9 This _____ connects the keyboard to the screen.
- 10 When I go to university, I'm going to take my _____ with me because they've got WiFi.

2 Circle the correct option.

- 1 I've got three *browsers* / *search engines* on my computer: *Chrome*, *Explorer* and *Firefox*.
- 2 You can find the company's telephone number on the 'Contact us' *web page* / *web address*.
- 3 The most popular *link* / *search engine* is, without a doubt, *Google*.
- 4 I opened my mail and I had fifteen emails but they were all *spam* / *browsers*.
- 5 I think most people have google.com as their *link* / *home page* so they don't have to type it.
- 6 Jacob said he found this video while he was *webbing* / *surfing* the internet last night.
- 7 The *web address* / *browser* is bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish.
- 8 I tried clicking on the *link* / *browser* but I got a 404 message – it's obviously not working.
- 9 I hate it when a *pop-up* / *link* appears! It's always just an advertisement.
- 10 Can you send the photo as *spam* / *an attachment* so I can save it on my computer?

3 Match the compound words in the box with the definitions.

operating system • desktop • password • pop-up window • hard drive •
screen saver • mouse mat • social network • search engine • keyboard

- 1 A website which allows people to communicate and share information. _____
- 2 A new window that opens in front of the one you are looking at. _____
- 3 What you see on your computer screen containing all the icons. _____
- 4 The part of a computer with keys for numbers, letters and symbols. _____
- 5 A set of programs that controls how a computer works. _____
- 6 A secret word or set of characters you use to access a computer or web page. _____
- 7 A flat piece of material on which you move the mouse of your computer. _____
- 8 The part of a computer that reads information on a hard disk. _____
- 9 A program on a computer that shows an image on the screen when the user is not using it. _____
- 10 A computer program that finds information on the internet by looking for words that you have typed in. _____

4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

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| 1 To join a social network, you usually have to fill in | A an online game called <i>Warships</i> – he loves it! |
| 2 If I send you the document, can you print out | B that my English teacher used to work as an actor. |
| 3 I found an internet café and I logged onto | C a few words and phrases on my holidays there. |
| 4 I'd like you to hand in | D two copies, one for me and one for you? |
| 5 Liam doesn't come out with us much since he got into | E on the internet. |
| 6 A social network is a great way to link up | F my email to send Oliver a message. |
| 7 German is a difficult language but I picked up | G at the local shopping centre. |
| 8 The other day I found out | H your English essays before Friday, please. |
| 9 If you don't know the answer you can look it up | I a form with your name and email. |
| 10 On Saturdays my friends and I hang out | J with other people your own age. |

5 Match the mobile phone words with the definitions.

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| 1 network coverage | A how much data a computer or other device may contain |
| 2 cloud | B a program for tablets or mobile phones |
| 3 broadband | C the internet, usually where your files and information are stored online |
| 4 app | D wireless technology that enables mobile devices to communicate |
| 5 carrier | E the positions of the controls on a mobile device |
| 6 storage | F a mobile phone that can be used as a computer and connect to the internet |
| 7 smartphone | G the area covered by a service provider where a phone call can be made |
| 8 tariff | H a system that enables connection with a high speed of data transfer |
| 9 settings | I a company that provides internet or mobile phone services |
| 10 Bluetooth | J a charge or group of charges for mobile phone or internet services |

6 Complete the text with the words in Exercise 5.

TOP TIPS FOR BUYING A MOBILE PHONE

So, you're thinking of getting a new mobile phone? So you're looking at the latest ¹ _____ from Samsung, Apple or LG with the same capacity as a small computer. So what do you need to think about?

Decide what you need

What are you going to be using you phone for? If you like taking pictures and making videos, then your phone will need a lot of ² _____. Of course, nowadays a lot of data can be saved to the ³ _____ so check your phone has this option. The memory capacity of your phone is also important if you're going to be downloading a lot of ⁴ _____ for messaging, social networking or just playing games.

Who will you go with?

There are a lot of big companies offering a lot of different services. The ⁵ _____ have lots of contracts and levels of service. Make sure the ⁶ _____ is good where you live and where you go on holiday! Then decide how much you can pay a month – the ⁷ _____ can be very confusing.

Check the specs

Another thing you might like to check is whether the carrier offers ⁸ _____ - speed of upload and download might be important to you. Do you need ⁹ _____ on your phone to pass data from one device to another? And once you get the phone, check the ¹⁰ _____ carefully – privacy is important and these can also affect the duration of battery power.