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## **Level 6**

# **Young Brits on Internet 27 hours a week**

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# THE ARTICLE

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A new survey in Britain reveals that young people spend over 27 hours a week online. This figure has trebled in the past decade. Britain's communications watchdog Ofcom conducted the study on thousands of 16- to 24-year-olds as part of its Media Use and Attitudes 2015 report. Ofcom found that while most online content is still being accessed on computers, the proportion of access via mobile devices is rapidly catching up. Two thirds of adults now regularly use a smartphone or tablet. Online content has also changed considerably in the past ten years. Today, people are spending a lot more time on watching video clips, playing games, using instant messaging and checking social media accounts.

An industry expert, Toby Syfret, explained why more people are spending more time online. He said: "New technologies are opening up a myriad of other possibilities for young people. It's not just watching content. They're messaging friends and texting at the same time. Inevitably, as the younger generation gets older and they set up their own home, TV viewing consumption will be affected." Over a quarter of young people now watch TV shows and movies online instead of on televisions. Mr Syfret added: "A 40-inch television screen offers quality you can't get from a tablet or smartphone, so televisions are never going to become unimportant."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. THE INTERNET:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Internet. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*a new survey / online / past decade / communications / attitudes / regularly / media / industry expert / new technologies / other possibilities / television screen / tablet*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. INTERNET:** How can these things be improved? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Current problems	Solutions
Social networks		
Search engines		
News sites		
Shopping sites		
Streaming sites		
Movie sites		

**4. LIMIT:** Students A **strongly** believe there should be a limit on how long people spend online; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. SITES:** Rank these websites with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Google
- Twitter
- eBay
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Yahoo!
- SnapChat
- MSN

**6. ONLINE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "online". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. The 27 hours a week is twice that from a decade ago.           | T / F |
| b. Researchers interviewed thousands of 20-29-year-olds.          | T / F |
| c. Most online content is now being accessed on mobile devices.   | T / F |
| d. Around two-thirds of British adults often use a mobile device. | T / F |
| e. An industry expert spoke of a myriad of possibilities.         | T / F |
| f. The expert said young people are just watching content online. | T / F |
| g. More than 25% of young people watch TV and movies online.      | T / F |
| h. The expert said TVs would never be unimportant.                | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. survey       | a. frequently           |
| 2. reveals      | b. for sure             |
| 3. trebled      | c. greatly              |
| 4. regularly    | d. shows                |
| 5. considerably | e. multitude            |
| 6. expert       | f. study                |
| 7. myriad       | g. provides             |
| 8. inevitably   | h. specialist           |
| 9. instead of   | i. increased three-fold |
| 10. offers      | j. rather than          |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. This figure has trebled            | a. expert                  |
| 2. most online content is still being | b. generation              |
| 3. Two thirds                         | c. the past ten years      |
| 4. changed considerably in            | d. time online             |
| 5. instant                            | e. can't get from a tablet |
| 6. industry                           | f. in the past decade      |
| 7. spending more                      | g. of other possibilities  |
| 8. opening up a myriad                | h. messaging               |
| 9. the younger                        | i. of adults               |
| 10. quality you                       | j. accessed on computers   |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

A new survey in Britain (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that young people spend over 27 hours a week online. This figure has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in the past decade. Britain's communications (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Ofcom conducted the study on thousands of 16- to 24-year-olds as part of its Media Use and Attitudes 2015 report. Ofcom found that while most online (4) \_\_\_\_\_ is still being (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on computers, the proportion of access via mobile devices is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ catching up. Two thirds of adults now regularly use a smartphone or tablet. Online content has also changed (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in the past ten years. Today, people are spending a lot more time on watching video clips, playing games, using instant messaging and checking social (8) \_\_\_\_\_ accounts.

*accessed*  
*trebled*  
*considerably*  
*reveals*  
*content*  
*media*  
*rapidly*  
*watchdog*

An industry (9) \_\_\_\_\_, Toby Syfret, explained why more people are spending more time online. He said: "New technologies are opening up a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of other possibilities for young people. It's not just watching content. They're (11) \_\_\_\_\_ friends and texting at the same time. Inevitably, as the younger (12) \_\_\_\_\_ gets older and they set up their own home, TV viewing (13) \_\_\_\_\_ will be (14) \_\_\_\_\_." Over a quarter of young people now watch TV shows and movies online instead of on televisions. Mr Syfret added: "A 40-inch television screen offers (15) \_\_\_\_\_ you can't get from a tablet or smartphone, so televisions are never going to become (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*consumption*  
*myriad*  
*quality*  
*expert*  
*unimportant*  
*generation*  
*affected*  
*messaging*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

- 1) A new survey in Britain reveals that young people spend over 27 hours \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a week in line
  - b. a week inline
  - c. a week offline
  - d. a week online
- 2) Britain's communications watchdog Ofcom conducted the study on thousands of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 19- to 24-year-olds
  - b. 18- to 24-year-olds
  - c. 17- to 24-year-olds
  - d. 16- to 24-year-olds
- 3) the proportion of access via mobile devices is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. rapidly catching up
  - b. rapidly catch in up
  - c. rapidly caching up
  - d. rapidly cache in up
- 4) Online content has also changed considerably in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. post ten years
  - b. parsed ten years
  - c. past ten years
  - d. passed ten years
- 5) playing games, using instant messaging and checking \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. social medium accounts
  - b. social media account
  - c. social media accounts
  - d. social medium account
- 6) An industry expert, Toby Syfret, explained why more people are spending \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. more times online
  - b. more timely online
  - c. more timed online
  - d. more time online
- 7) New technologies are opening up \_\_\_\_\_ possibilities
  - a. a myriad of other
  - b. a mere ad of other
  - c. a mere Riyadh of other
  - d. a mirror ad of other
- 8) They're messaging friends and \_\_\_\_\_ time
  - a. sexting at the same
  - b. texting at the same
  - c. text in at the same
  - d. texts in at the same
- 9) young people now watch TV shows and movies online \_\_\_\_\_ televisions
  - a. instead of on
  - b. instead of in
  - c. instead of an
  - d. instead of off
- 10) Mr Syfret added: "A 40-inch television screen offers \_\_\_\_\_ get
  - a. quality you can't
  - b. qualify you can't
  - c. qualities you can't
  - d. quality you can

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

A new survey in Britain (1) \_\_\_\_\_ people spend over 27 hours a week online. This figure has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ decade. Britain's communications watchdog Ofcom conducted the study on thousands of 16-(3) \_\_\_\_\_ as part of its Media Use and Attitudes 2015 report. Ofcom found that while most online content is still (4) \_\_\_\_\_ computers, the proportion of access via mobile devices is rapidly catching up. Two thirds of adults (5) \_\_\_\_\_ smartphone or tablet. Online content has also changed considerably in the past ten years. Today, people are spending a lot more time on (6) \_\_\_\_\_, playing games, using instant messaging and checking social media accounts.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

1. Where did the survey take place?

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2. Who was interviewed?

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3. Where is most online content being accessed?

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4. What fraction of adults regularly use a mobile device?

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5. What are many people checking today?

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6. What opens up a myriad of possibilities?

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7. What are people doing at the same time as messaging?

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8. What kind of consumption is going to be affected?

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9. What size of TV is mentioned towards the end of the article?

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10. What did someone say TV will never become?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

1. Where did the survey take place?
  - a) the USA
  - b) at a university
  - c) Britain
  - d) online
2. Who was interviewed?
  - a) 16-24-year-olds
  - b) 18-28-year-olds
  - c) 18-30-year-olds
  - d) 16-30-year-olds
3. Where is most online content being accessed?
  - a) on computers
  - b) London
  - c) India
  - d) on iPads
4. What fraction of adults regularly use a mobile device?
  - a) 3/4
  - b) 2/3
  - c) 7/8
  - d) 1/2
5. What are many people checking today?
  - a) their e-mail
  - b) prices
  - c) their bank accounts
  - d) social media accounts
6. What opens up a myriad of possibilities?
  - a) money
  - b) new technologies
  - c) friends
  - d) the new Apple Watch
7. What are people doing at the same time as messaging?
  - a) texting
  - b) eating
  - c) working
  - d) chatting
8. What kind of consumption is going to be affected?
  - a) gas
  - b) food
  - c) TV viewing
  - d) online
9. What size of TV is mentioned towards the end of the article?
  - a) 14-inch
  - b) 60-inch
  - c) 32-inch
  - d) 40-inch
10. What did someone say TV will never become?
  - a) unimportant
  - b) a tablet
  - c) paper-based
  - d) ubiquitous

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

## **Role A – Google**

You think Google is the best website. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Facebook, SnapChat or BreakingNewsEnglish.

## **Role B – Facebook**

You think Facebook is the best website. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Google, SnapChat or Breaking News English.

## **Role C – SnapChat**

You think SnapChat is the best website. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Facebook, Google or Breaking News English.

## **Role D – BreakingNewsEnglish.com**

You think BreakingNewsEnglish is the best website. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Facebook, SnapChat or Google.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'Internet' and 'use'.

Internet	Use

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• new</li><li>• thousands</li><li>• most</li><li>• thirds</li><li>• ten</li><li>• clips</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• expert</li><li>• myriad</li><li>• same</li><li>• set</li><li>• quality</li><li>• become</li></ul>
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# THE INTERNET SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Internet in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# THE INTERNET DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Internet'?
- 3) What would life be like without the Internet?
- 4) How would you describe your Internet use?
- 5) Is 27 hours a week too much?
- 6) What do you think if this figure trebled again in the next decade?
- 7) What is the problem of spending too long online?
- 8) Is it better to access the Internet via a computer or tablet?
- 9) What do you use the Internet for?
- 10) What are the bad things about using the Internet too much?

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# THE INTERNET DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) How important is the Internet to you?
- 13) Do you ever get fed up with the Internet?
- 14) How is life for young people better with the Internet?
- 15) What more will we be able to do online in the future?
- 16) Do you prefer watching TV shows on a tablet or TV?
- 17) What do you think of surfing online on a TV?
- 18) What do you think of accessing the Internet on a smart watch?
- 19) What would happen if you went a week without the Internet?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the researcher?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                  |                   |                    |                  |
|-----|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) revelries    | (b) reveals       | (c) reviles        | (d) revels       |
| 2.  | (a) troubled     | (b) trebled       | (c) tabled         | (d) trembled     |
| 3.  | (a) Used         | (b) Abuse         | (c) Misuse         | (d) Use          |
| 4.  | (a) by           | (b) of            | (c) at             | (d) to           |
| 5.  | (a) considerably | (b) considerately | (c) conservatively | (d) consummately |
| 6.  | (a) aids         | (b) ports         | (c) clips          | (d) lines        |
| 7.  | (a) envoy        | (b) uppity        | (c) expert         | (d) amulet       |
| 8.  | (a) mirrored     | (b) maid          | (c) myriad         | (d) meridian     |
| 9.  | (a) Flatly       | (b) Because       | (c) Course         | (d) Inevitably   |
| 10. | (a) set          | (b) let           | (c) get            | (d) met          |
| 11. | (a) of           | (b) for           | (c) to             | (d) by           |
| 12. | (a) curtails     | (b) annexes       | (c) offers         | (d) veils        |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. This figure has eetlbrd in the past decade
2. being ccdseesa on computers
3. the torroinppo of access via mobile devices
4. galruyerl use a smartphone
5. changed seiycnordbla in the past ten years
6. social media ccnoasut

## Paragraph 2

7. An industry pertex
8. opening up a drimay of other possibilities
9. elnyvaIbit, as the younger generation...
10. notmoicsnpu will be affected
11. Over a atqrreu of young people
12. iquatyl you can't get from a tablet



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	adults now regularly use a smartphone or tablet. Online content has also changed considerably in the past ten
( )	decade. Britain's communications watchdog Ofcom conducted the study on thousands of 16- to 24-year-
( )	playing games, using instant messaging and checking social media accounts.
( )	online. He said: "New technologies are opening up a myriad of other possibilities for
( )	from a tablet or smartphone, so televisions are never going to become unimportant."
( )	consumption will be affected." Over a quarter of young people now watch TV shows and movies online instead
( )	of on televisions. Mr Syfret added: "A 40-inch television screen offers quality you can't get
( )	young people. It's not just watching content. They're messaging friends and texting at the same
( )	An industry expert, Toby Syfret, explained why more people are spending more time
( )	time. Inevitably, as the younger generation gets older and they set up their own home, TV viewing
( )	olds as part of its Media Use and Attitudes 2015 report. Ofcom found that while most online content is still being
( )	accessed on computers, the proportion of access via mobile devices is rapidly catching up. Two thirds of
( )	years. Today, people are spending a lot more time on watching video clips,
( <b>1</b> )	A new survey in Britain reveals that young people spend over 27 hours a week online. This figure has trebled in the past

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

1. online people 27 week Young over a spend hours .

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2. the figure past has decade trebled in This .

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3. proportion The devices mobile via access of .

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4. considerably Online has changed content also .

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5. lot more time on watching video People are spending a .

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6. online are spending Why more more time people .

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7. people Opening up a myriad of other possibilities for young .

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8. young people now watch TV shows Over a quarter of .

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9. smartphone you from or Quality get tablet can't a .

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10. to going never are Televisions unimportant become .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

A new survey in Britain *reveals / revels* that young people spend over 27 hours a week online. This figure has *troubled / trebled* in the past decade. Britain's *communications / communicating* watchdog Ofcom conducted the study *in / on* thousands of 16- to 24-year-olds as part of its Media Use and Attitudes 2015 report. Ofcom found that *whole / while* most online content is still being accessed on computers, the *proportion / proposition* of access via mobile devices is *rapidity / rapidly* catching up. Two thirds of adults now *regularly / regular* use a smartphone or tablet. Online content has also changed considerably in the *past / passed* ten years. Today, people are spending a lot more time *on / in* watching video clips, playing games, using instant messaging and checking social media accounts.

An industry *expert / expat*, Toby Syfret, explained why more people are spending more time online. He said: "New technologies *is / are* opening up a myriad of other *possibles / possibilities* for young people. It's not just watching content. They're messaging friends and texting *at / in* the same time. Inevitably, as the younger generation *gets / get* older and they set up their own home, TV viewing consumption will be *effected / affected*." Over a quarter *for / of* young people now watch TV shows and movies online instead of / for on televisions. Mr Syfret added: "A 40-inch television screen offers quality you can't get from a tablet *or / and* smartphone, so televisions are never going to become *unimportant / importantly*."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

\_ n \_ w \_ s \_ r \_ v \_ y \_ n \_ Br \_ t \_ \_ n \_ r \_ v \_ \_ l \_ s \_ th \_ t \_ y \_ \_ n \_ g \_ p \_ \_ pl \_  
sp \_ nd \_ \_ v \_ r \_ 27 \_ h \_ \_ rs \_ \_ w \_ \_ k \_ \_ n \_ l \_ n \_ . Th \_ s \_ f \_ g \_ r \_ h \_ s  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150516-internet-use.html>

There should be a time limit on Internet use so people can do useful things. Discuss.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about how much time people spend on the Internet. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. THE INTERNET:** Make a poster about the Internet. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TIME LIMIT:** Write a magazine article about having time limits on Internet use. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an Internet expert. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three ideas on how to stop people from spending too long online. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c F    d T    e T    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. survey       | a. study                |
| 2. reveals      | b. shows                |
| 3. trebled      | c. increased three-fold |
| 4. regularly    | d. frequently           |
| 5. considerably | e. greatly              |
| 6. expert       | f. specialist           |
| 7. myriad       | g. multitude            |
| 8. inevitably   | h. for sure             |
| 9. instead of   | i. rather than          |
| 10. offers      | j. provides             |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Britain
2. 16-24-year-olds
3. On computers
4. Two-thirds
5. social media accounts
6. New technologies
7. Texting
8. TV viewing
9. 40-inch
10. Unimportant

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. d    6. b    7. a    8. c    9. d    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)