



THE INTERNET

Glossary

the internet	to explode	to provide
to be connected	to log on	to shop
to conduct	to become	to act
to remain	to lead	to abuse
to entice	to submit	to grow
to let	to visit	to face
internet users	internet access	a goal
a search	the library	a click of your mouse
a serious rival	long distance telephony	a powerful engine
economic growth	developing countries	hosts
economic equalizer	online distance learning	phishing
a method	personal information	pornographic websites
heavy internet use	social isolation	loneliness
across the world	ambitious yet achievable	beyond
prudent	dramatically	very careful
therapeutic		

And now a dialogue between Sarah and Wentworth.

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- Sarah: Wentworth, do you know that the number of Internet users across the world has exploded?
- Wentworth: Yes. Actually, a few years ago, providing internet access to 50% of the world's population by 2015 was an ambitious yet achievable goal. In reality, only 42% of the population is connected today.
- Sarah: Internet is so easy, if you want some information, just log on and do a search. No need to take the bus to the library anymore. You can shop from home with a click of your mouse, and today almost all companies use the Internet to conduct their business.
- Wentworth: For sure, the Internet has changed the way people work beyond all imagination. It has become a serious rival to long distance telephony.
- Sarah: It's a powerful engine of economic growth. Actually, for developing countries, hopes are that the internet might act as an economic equalizer. Online distance learning can provide quality education for millions of people who don't have access to it.



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- Wentworth: But you need to remain prudent as it can also lead to abuse, like phishing, a method of enticing Internet users to submit personal information, is growing dramatically. Parents must be very careful to not let their children visit pornographic websites.
- Sarah: You're completely right, but don't forget that heavy internet use may be therapeutic for those people facing social isolation and loneliness.