

21.1 Read A and B opposite and decide if these sentences are *True* or *False*. If they are false, correct them.

- 1 The Internet and the World Wide Web are synonyms.
- 2 Computers need to use the same protocol (TCP / IP) to communicate with each other.
- 3 Web TV can provide access to the Net.
- 4 ADSL and cable are two types of dial-up connections.
- 5 External, internal and PC card are types of connections.
- 6 Information can be sent through telephone lines, satellites and power lines.
- 7 The computer IP number is a way to identify it on the Internet.

21.2 What Internet system from C opposite should these people use?

- 1 'I like receiving daily updates and headlines from newspapers on my computer.'
- 2 'I'm doing some research and need computer access to the University library.'
- 3 'I'd like to avoid flying to Japan to attend the meeting but I want to see what's going on there.'
- 4 'I want to read people's opinions about environmental issues and express my views.'
- 5 'I have designed a web page and want to transfer the data to my reserved web space.'
- 6 'I'd like to check my students' draft essays on my computer and send them back with my suggestions.'
- 7 'I don't want to spend too much money on international phone calls but I love hearing his voice.'
- 8 'I live in a small village where there are no other teenagers. I wish I had the chance to meet and chat with friends.'

21.3 Choose the correct alternatives to complete this newspaper article.

Sharing your broadband connection with your neighbours is either the best way of making friends or the fastest way to lose them. Thanks to new European legislation, (1) *modem / wireless / telephone* technology and a firm called MyZones, several households within 300 metres of each other can now share the cost of fast (2) *broadband / dial-up / phone* access. But the more people using your network, the slower it gets. If four people are using it at once, the surfing speed is 128k. Clive Mayhew-Begg, chief executive of MyZones, says: 'Sharing broadband is just the start of a new generation of consumer-based Internet services.' It starts on July 25 when MyZones will start selling £150 starter kits. These include a wi-fi (wireless technology) point and ADSL (3) *3G / modem / Web TV* but not the wi-fi adapters you and your neighbours will need. These will cost an extra £60 or so for each computer logged on to the wireless network. *The Mirror*

You and computers



How to choose the right ISP? How to decide whether you should change the one you have? Here are some decisions to make.

First of all you need to decide which type of connectivity (dial-up or broadband) you need depending on your requirements. Then the bandwidth (data transmission speed) they offer is another important factor. The services the ISP provides, such as the number of email addresses, space for web pages or blogs, spam and virus protection should also be taken into account. Last but not least, the cost of special software and connection fees should have an influence on your choice.

With these criteria in mind, have a look at some of the available ISPs and decide which one meets your needs best.