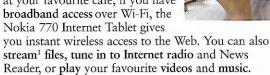
## A What a collocation is

A collocation is a pair or group of words that are often used together. You need to learn them in order to sound natural in English. For example, in computing we say 'attach a file', not 'enclose a file'.

New collocations are particularly common in ICT. Notice the combinations that are worth learning from these reviews.

With the Nokia 770 Internet Tablet you can browse your favourite sites and catch up on your email – from right where you are. Whether you're relaxing on the sofa or enjoying the moment at your favourite café, if you have broadband access over Wi-Fi, the



<sup>1</sup> Listen to audio or watch video directly from the Internet rather than downloading and saving it first <sup>2</sup> Able to share data with older systems A Blu-ray Disc is a new optical disc that provides five times more data storage than a DVD, with a capacity of 25 GB (single-layer), 50



GB (dual-layer) and 100 GB (four-layer). Unlike current DVDs, which use a red laser to read and write data, Blu-ray uses a blue laser (which is where the format gets its name). Blu-ray discs can record and play back high-definition television and digital audio, as well as computer data.

Blu-ray Disc players are fully backward compatible<sup>2</sup> with CD/DVD formats. They also let users go online and download subtitles.

## Some types of collocations

Verb + noun

The easiest way to connect to the Internet is by using a DSL modem.

A DSL modem can transmit data at high speed.

Your ISP will probably give you a CD with instructions on how to install the software on your PC.

Once you are online, you can access the Web or send and receive emails.

You may like to burn CDs, i.e. copy your favourite songs or important files onto CDs.

Verbs with particles

Can you show me where the microphone plugs into the computer?

If you want to log onto your account you will need your user ID and password.

Computer criminals are getting better at hacking into other people's computers.

Adjective + noun

High-speed networks and multimedia phones allow customers to view live TV.

To send outgoing mail and retrieve incoming mail, you need to configure the email settings.

Most teenagers use instant messaging to chat with friends.

Electronic commerce – from a PC, digital TV or mobile phone – offers competitive prices.

Wireless hotspots provide Wi-Fi Internet access in airports, hotels and other places.

Users can interact with a virtual environment through the use of VR displays and data gloves. Typical interactive TV uses are voting in polls, video on demand and shopping from home.

Adverb + adjective

Don't send highly sensitive information via email or fax unless it is encrypted. This movie is freely available on the Internet, so it can be downloaded free of charge.

Phrases

When you chat in a chat room, you are interacting in real time since it is immediate. A USB device is a good example of plug and play; you install it and use it immediately. To drag and drop, just click on the object and drag it to a different location.

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