

THE WEB

The World Wide Web (usually called the Web, or web) is a gigantic storehouse of information. The web is the most popular part of the internet, partly because it displays most information in a visually appealing format. Headlines, text, and pictures can be combined on a **05** single webpage – much like a page in a magazine – along with sounds and animation. A website is a collection of interconnected webpages. The web contains millions of websites and billions of webpages.

Surfing the web means exploring it. You can find information on the **10** web about almost any topic imaginable. For example, you can read News stories and movie reviews, check airline schedules, see street maps, get the weather forecast for your city, or research a health condition. Most companies, government agencies, museums, and libraries have websites with information about their products, services, **15** or collections. Reference sources, such as dictionaries and encyclopedias, are also widely available.

The web is also a shopper's delight. You can browse and purchase products –books, music, toys, clothing, electronics, and much more – at the websites of major retailers. You can also buy and sell used **20** items through websites that use auction-style bidding.