

## Technology and computers

### 1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

screen • laptop • modem • memory stick • cable • headphones • keyboard • speakers • webcam • USB ports

- 1 When I put on \_\_\_\_\_ to listen to music, I can't hear my mum calling me!
- 2 Why don't you save the documents on your \_\_\_\_\_ and I can copy them from there onto my computer?
- 3 I can't see the photos because the sun is shining on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I've got two \_\_\_\_\_ on my CPU: one for my WiFi and one for my mouse.
- 5 We saw a video of Sam dancing in front of his \_\_\_\_\_. It was hilarious!
- 6 Somebody has swapped the 'p' and the 'o' on this \_\_\_\_\_. It's really confusing!
- 7 Turn on the \_\_\_\_\_. I can't hear the music on this video.
- 8 The light on the \_\_\_\_\_ is green so we should have an internet connection.
- 9 This \_\_\_\_\_ connects the keyboard to the screen.
- 10 When I go to university, I'm going to take my \_\_\_\_\_ with me because they've got WiFi.

### 2 Circle the correct option.

- 1 I've got three *browsers / search engines* on my computer: *Chrome, Explorer* and *Firefox*.
- 2 You can find the company's telephone number on the '*Contact us*' *web page / web address*.
- 3 The most popular *link / search engine* is, without a doubt, *Google*.
- 4 I opened my mail and I had fifteen emails but they were all *spam / browsers*.
- 5 I think most people have *google.com* as their *link / home page* so they don't have to type it.
- 6 Jacob said he found this video while he was *webbing / surfing* the internet last night.
- 7 The *web address / browser* is *bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish*.
- 8 I tried clicking on the *link / browser* but I got a 404 message – it's obviously not working.
- 9 I hate it when a *pop-up / link* appears! It's always just an advertisement.
- 10 Can you send the photo as *spam / an attachment* so I can save it on my computer?

### 3 Match the compound words in the box with the definitions.

operating system • desktop • password • pop-up window • hard drive •  
screen saver • mouse mat • social network • search engine • keyboard

- 1 A website which allows people to communicate and share information.\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 A new window that opens in front of the one you are looking at.\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What you see on your computer screen containing all the icons.\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The part of a computer with keys for numbers, letters and symbols.\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 A set of programs that controls how a computer works.\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 A secret word or set of characters you use to access a computer or web page.\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 A flat piece of material on which you move the mouse of your computer.\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 The part of a computer that reads information on a hard disk.\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 A program on a computer that shows an image on the screen when the user is not using it.\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 A computer program that finds information on the internet by looking for words that you have typed in.\_\_\_\_\_

### 4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 To join a social network, you usually have to fill in \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 If I send you the document, can you print out \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I found an internet café and I logged onto \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I'd like you to hand in \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Liam doesn't come out with us much since he got into \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 A social network is a great way to link up \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 German is a difficult language but I picked up \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 The other day I found out \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 If you don't know the answer you can look it up \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 On Saturdays my friends and I hang out \_\_\_\_\_

- A an online game called *Warships* – he loves it!  
B that my English teacher used to work as an actor.  
C a few words and phrases on my holidays there.  
D two copies, one for me and one for you?  
E on the internet.  
F my email to send Oliver a message.  
G at the local shopping centre.  
H your English essays before Friday, please.  
I a form with your name and email.  
J with other people your own age.

## Vocabulary



### 5 Match the mobile phone words with the definitions.

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| 1 network coverage | A how much data a computer or other device may contain                      |
| 2 cloud            | B a program for tablets or mobile phones                                    |
| 3 broadband        | C the internet, usually where your files and information are stored online  |
| 4 app              | D wireless technology that enables mobile devices to communicate            |
| 5 carrier          | E the positions of the controls on a mobile device                          |
| 6 storage          | F a mobile phone that can be used as a computer and connect to the internet |
| 7 smartphone       | G the area covered by a service provider where a phone call can be made     |
| 8 tariff           | H a system that enables connection with a high speed of data transfer       |
| 9 settings         | I a company that provides internet or mobile phone services                 |
| 10 Bluetooth       | J a charge or group of charges for mobile phone or internet services        |

### 6 Complete the text with the words in Exercise 5.

**TOP TIPS FOR BUYING A MOBILE PHONE**

So, you're thinking of getting a new mobile phone? So you're looking at the latest <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from Samsung, Apple or LG with the same capacity as a small computer. So what do you need to think about?

**Decide what you need**

What are you going to be using your phone for? If you like taking pictures and making videos, then your phone will need a lot of <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Of course, nowadays a lot of data can be saved to the <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ so check your phone has this option. The memory capacity of your phone is also important if you're going to be downloading a lot of <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for messaging, social networking or just playing games.

**Who will you go with?**

There are a lot of big companies offering a lot of different services. The <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ have lots of contracts and levels of service. Make sure the <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is good where you live and where you go on holiday! Then decide how much you can pay a month – the <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ can be very confusing.

**Check the specs**

Another thing you might like to check is whether the carrier offers <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ - speed of upload and download might be important to you. Do you need <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on your phone to pass data from one device to another? And once you get the phone, check the <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ carefully – privacy is important and these can also affect the duration of battery power.