

# APSS – Online classes

## Activity 2

### Description

<b>MATERIALS</b>	Workbook. Module 2. <b>Listening 6</b> (video). Challenges of the Internet and Beyond. Video
<b>LEARNING OBJECTIVES</b>	Applying listening strategies for comprehension. Comprehension and debate.
<b>METHOD AND OBJECTIVES</b>	Answer Key / self- correcting + submission
<b>ASSESMENT</b>	Self- assessment and teacher's assessment

## Listening 6. Challenges of the Internet and Beyond

VIDEO: [HTTP://WWW.ARCHIVE.ORG/DETAILS/CC1232\\_INTERNET](http://www.archive.org/details/cc1232_internet)

### Part 1: Speaking Activity. Discuss in groups

- Do you think that the Internet has changed our lives? If so, in what ways? See these suggestions:

The Internet has turned our existence upside down. It has revolutionized communications, to the extent that it is now our preferred medium of everyday communication. In almost everything we do, we use the Internet: ordering a pizza, buying anything, calling a friend, sending a picture over instant messaging, etc.

- How often do you use the Internet? What do you use it for?

I use the internet all day. I use the internet for work, for my education, and for my leisure time. I have the feeling that the day the internet doesn't work I won't even know what to do.

- What activities do you now do online which you did in a different way?

One of the clearest examples is teleworking. Also do online class. Given the current quarantine situation, I have been home for more than two weeks, and I would not have been able to continue with my normal life if it was not for the internet. Even for sports I use the internet: I usually look for training video tutorials to keep fit.

## Part 2: Listening (Running time - 00:00- 12:06)

### INTRO. Where is the presenter of the program?

The presenter is at a pioneering cyber cafe: the Icon Byte Bar.

### INTERVIEW with John Markoff from The New York Times.

Answer these questions:

1. What are John's two favourite uses of the Internet?
  1. Mails
  2. Get information about others computers:
    1. AnArchie: search the computers around the world
    2. Read the USENET
2. What are the risks of being on the Internet according to Markoff?
  1. I'd be careful putting my password on the 'Net, I'd pick a password that's a safe password, and I wouldn't put my credit card up until there's security software that will protect the credit card.

### Users of information resources and providers of information.

Here are some ways of pushing the limits of the Internet: the field of music. Answer these questions:

1. What makes that band so special?

Severe Tire Damage "upstaged the Rolling Stones by transmitting their own performance over the Internet" in November 1994.
2. How long were they performing online? And before what other famous band?

15 minutes. The Rolling Stones.
3. What's the name of the band?

Severe Tire Damage
4. What did they get as a result of their live performance?

A lot of instant comments.

### Commercial online services. CompuServe.

Interview with Charla Beaverson. Answer these questions:

1. What is CompuServe?

CompuServe was a commercial online service provider in the US.
2. What example do they show of the use of USENET through CompuServe?

Online articles. Subscribe to Newsgroups (filter by name).
3. Is it possible to put down files using FTP (File Transfer Protocol) through CompuServe?

Yes. File transfer interface. Click on popular sites. Popular libraries like Book Stacks Unlimited.

### Creating your own homepage (18:32 - 21:00)

1. What is the San Francisco Digital Media Center?

The San Francisco Digital Media Center offers classes for anybody who wants to tell their story online. "In our classes, we're discussing what the aesthetics of interactivity are. ... There is a very complex artistic question to be solved by the people working in this field, and all of it is so new."
2. What does Joe Lambert say about the Internet?

The internet is an opportunity to express yourself and tell what you want to the world.
3. What does the web publishing class teach?

This lessons teach HTML with basic design concerns.
4. According to Joe Lambert, what is the biggest question for many artists working with computers?

How to create aesthetics of interactivity. How to make links. People have to solve the aesthetics.

### Part 3: Speaking Activity. Discussion

How has the picture changed with respect to the 1990s?

A. Some issues raised in this video (in the 1990s):

How has the image of the internet changed compared to the 1990s?

- Use of e-mail
  - Gone are the days when you would have to wait days, weeks or even months for a letter from a loved one, business partner or friend. Thanks to email, people can compose a message and send it in an instant, with billions of messages sent every single day.
- Free software downloading
  - At that time, it was quite difficult to download software directly from the internet, since there was not as much speed as today. For that same reason, it was more common to buy software in CDs. Currently, although they are also purchased, it is much more normal to download software directly.
  - A clear example is video games. Before, you had to buy the CD that came with the game. But now, you only have to download the executable of the game to be able to play it.
- Live broadcasting
  - As the video has shown, it was possible to broadcast live videos, such as the one of the Severe Tire Damage group. Still, asking my parents, I have come to the conclusion that they didn't even know that this could be done at that time.
  - But now, instead, I watch a live video of a youtuber at least once a week. Live videos have become so important that there are so many topics to broadcast, such as games, questions and answers, debates, conferences, online classes, sports, etc.
- Usenet and Newsgroups
  - The function of Usenet, historically and in the present-day, is to provide a network where any user can freely post information which is then rapidly distributed.
  - Today, "Usenet" and "newsgroups" are terms that many people use interchangeably, but the distinction between them should be explained. Put simply, newsgroups are storehouses of information, while Usenet is the network that hosts these groups. We could say that it is like a forum.
- Webpage creation
  - As seen in the video, the purpose of creating a web page was to be able to transmit information to the network. Currently, the concept has evolved. There are thousands of websites that provide templates to create your own website. Design is the most important thing. As much as the content of a website is very interesting, it will not be very visited if it does not attract.
  - Therefore, we realize that the fact that a website is aesthetic is the factor that has mattered most from the Digital Media Center until now.

B. TASK (Discuss in groups). What has changed with respect to these issues?

- Discuss the main ideas as presented in the video and take notes about them from today's perspective. Get ready to explain a bit.