

Life with the Internet

Extra vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words and phrases in the box.

chat dating irresponsible lonely online person public make up your mind
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Internet dating

If you are a little ^a _____, you might ^b _____ to search for a partner by going ^c _____. But when you meet new people in a ^d _____ room on the Internet, be careful. Never give personal information about yourself, such as your telephone number or address. If you decide to see someone in ^e _____, make sure you meet in a ^f _____ place, and take a friend if possible. Always tell someone where you are going, who you'll be with, and when you'll be back. Don't be ^g _____ and get into a car with someone you don't know. If it doesn't feel right, don't do it. Remember, Internet ^h _____ can be a great success, but be careful out there!

2 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word in *italics*.

Who is online?

The ^a *invention* of the Internet brought many ^b *benefits*, especially in ^c *business* and ^d *leisure*. However, a large proportion of people around the world are not online. The Internet, therefore, has no ^e *impact* on their lives at all. For many, the technology is still too ^f *costly*. Others ^g *reject* the Internet because they are ^h *uneasy* about the effect it will have on their traditional culture. Today, it is still mostly people in wealthy and developed countries who use the Internet.

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| a 1 creation | 2 discovery |
| b 1 profits | 2 advantages |
| c 1 companies | 2 commerce |
| d 1 free time | 2 vacations |
| e 1 influence | 2 control |
| f 1 precious | 2 expensive |
| g 1 throw out | 2 refuse |
| h 1 concerned | 2 upset |

3 Match each word or phrase in *italics* with a word or phrase that has a similar meaning.

Online communication

The Internet is ¹ *handy* for keeping in touch with people, especially with family and friends. You can send e-cards for every ² *anniversary* from weddings to birthdays. You can also ³ *order* flowers and gifts. However, try not to write an e-mail when you are ⁴ *angry*. Because it arrives ⁵ *right away*, it's too late to ⁶ *have second thoughts* later, and so it's possible to ⁷ *offend* someone. Have you ever sent an e-mail when you were angry and then had a feeling of ⁸ *guilt* afterward?

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| a ____ upset | e ____ annoyed |
| b ____ buy | f ____ shame |
| c ____ change your mind | g ____ special date |
| d ____ immediately | h ____ useful |

Relating to people

Extra vocabulary

1 Match each word in *italics* with a word that has a similar meaning.

The V-chip

Every new television in the U.S. has a V-chip. This is a device that all ¹ *manufacturers* put into their televisions. Parents can read a description of each show and decide if the level of sex, violence, or bad language is ² *acceptable*. If they think a show would be ³ *harmful* to their children, the V-chip ⁴ *allows* them to stop their children from watching it. As children cannot see the shows, they cannot ⁵ *copy* the bad ⁶ *behavior* they show. ⁷ *Companies* also ⁸ *market* the V-chip in other parts of the world.

- a ____ actions
- b ____ businesses
- c ____ dangerous
- d ____ imitate
- e ____ permits
- f ____ producers
- g ____ satisfactory
- h ____ sell

2 Complete the text with the words in the box.

argue belong crazy growing
refuse rebellious trendy unique

Although young people may ^a _____ that they each have their own ^b _____ style, youth culture seems to be getting more and more uniform. Many young people ^c _____ up in the world today buy the same designer clothes and read the same ^d _____ magazines. They are ^e _____ about the same pop stars, and all watch the same things on television. They ^f _____ to the same clubs and shop at the same international designer stores. They may still ^g _____ to do what their parents tell them, but perhaps young people are not as different or as ^h _____ as they think!

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The Guardian Angels

Not all youth gangs are bad. People who volunteer to ^a *join* the Guardian Angels want to protect the ^b *public* and keep the streets safe. They work with the police to ^c *organize* safety patrols in dangerous areas. They are also ^d *willing* to give advice to young people, and teach them to ^e *respect* themselves and others. Some Guardian Angels are ex-gang members. They hope their example will ^f *encourage* many young people to obey the law and stay out of ^g *jail*. This might well ^h *boost* their chances of living happy and rewarding lives.

- a 1 become members of
- b 1 country
- c 1 create
- d 1 prepared
- e 1 help
- f 1 persuade
- g 1 trouble
- h 1 improve
- 2 like
- 2 community
- 2 coordinate
- 2 paid
- 2 value
- 2 promote
- 2 prison
- 2 support

A mysterious world

Extra vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

mysteriously ancient curse discovered disturbed prepared warning

Hidden treasure

The people who built the ^a _____ Pyramids sometimes wrote a ^b _____ in stone at the entrance. This was a ^c _____ to people who found the tomb to stay away. They hid the Pharaoh's treasure in secret rooms and ^d _____ a number of false rooms to trick people if the pyramid was ^e _____. However, this didn't work, and the treasure in most pyramids disappeared long ago. The Great Pyramid was also empty. Yet ^f _____, there are no reports of any mummy or magnificent treasure being found. Where could King Khufu and his treasure be? In 1993, a robot was sent into the southern air shaft and ^g _____ a secret door near the Queen's Chamber. In 2002, a new robot drilled through the door and found another door! A third door was later found blocking the northern shaft. The pyramid will not reveal its mysteries easily ...

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The lost city

Petra, in southern Jordan, is a ¹ *spectacular* ancient city, where huge buildings and temples have been cut out of solid rock. Its history ² *extends* back in time ³ *almost* 2,000 years. Because it is ⁴ *hidden* deep in the mountains, for 700 years very few people knew Petra existed. Although there were ⁵ *rumors* of a lost city in the area, no one could find it. Spread over 400 square miles, the ⁶ *enormous* city of Petra was built in several ⁷ *stages*. It has many marvelous tombs, but no one knows what their ⁸ *function* was. No bodies have ever been found there! Thanks to its discovery in 1812, Petra is now a popular tourist attraction and a fantastic place to visit.

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| a _____ stunning | e _____ purpose |
| b _____ stretches | f _____ virtually |
| c _____ vast | g _____ concealed |
| d _____ phases | h _____ stories |

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Roswell

In July, 1947, something ^a *extraordinary* happened close to Roswell, New Mexico. A local farmer saw a strange ^b *aircraft* crash near his house. He said he found some weird ^c *wreckage*. Soon, police and army officers arrived and took everything away. The U.S. government first said it was an ^d *alien* spaceship, but later reported that all they ^e *recovered* was a weather balloon. Many people believe that the U.S. government found a UFO, together with its ^f *crew*. Since then, many people say they have seen ^g *peculiar* aircraft nearby. The Roswell incident is a well-known mystery. Did a UFO really ^h *crash* there?

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| a 1 great | 2 very surprising | e 1 recuperated | 2 salvaged |
| b 1 vehicle | 2 plane | f 1 pilots | 2 inhabitants |
| c 1 remains | 2 rubbish | g 1 irregular | 2 weird |
| d 1 extraterrestrial | 2 foreign | h 1 go bankrupt | 2 fall to Earth |

Playing with nature

Extra vocabulary

1 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word in *italics*.

It is not only women who feel ^a *self-conscious* and ^b *insecure* about their bodies. An ^c *increasing* number of men are having ^d *operations* to change their appearance. In the U.S., *pec* implants are popular, together with facelifts and tummy tucks. It seems that men don't ^e *mind* the inconvenience caused by such operations, or the ^f *discomfort*. Apparently, the statistics suggest that men are as ^g *bothered* about looking their best and having ^h *terrific* bodies as women.

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|---|---|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| a | 1 | disappointed | 2 | embarrassed |
| b | 1 | unconfident | 2 | dissatisfied |
| c | 1 | intensifying | 2 | growing |
| d | 1 | functions | 2 | surgical procedures |
| e | 1 | take offense to | 2 | care about |
| f | 1 | pain | 2 | uneasiness |
| g | 1 | concerned | 2 | upset |
| h | 1 | enormous | 2 | great |

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GM foods are especially common in the U.S., where a lot of food products in supermarkets could contain a ¹ *crop* that has been genetically ² *modified*. However, in many other countries, the issue of GM foods can be ³ *controversial*. In fact, a lot of people ⁴ *protest*, and ⁵ *concerns* are so great that some governments have taken action. In Europe, there are now various ⁶ *checks* and ⁷ *laws* that require all GM foods to have ⁸ *labels*. It could be many more years before people worldwide believe that GM foods are safe.

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| a | ___ | altered | e | ___ | plant grown for food |
| b | ___ | contentious | f | ___ | legal rules |
| c | ___ | controls | g | ___ | tags with information |
| d | ___ | express disapproval | h | ___ | worries |

Animals and us

Extra vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

attention conversations ill intelligent train
communicate companionship willing

Koko the talking gorilla

Dr. Patterson began to ^a _____ Koko, a gorilla at San Francisco Zoo, to use sign language in the early 1970s. Koko's first words were "drink," "food," and "more." Koko soon proved she was very ^b _____ to learn. Today, she is able to ^c _____ using a sign language of over 1,000 words and she can understand around 2,000 words of spoken English. Koko is a highly ^d _____ gorilla, and she rarely forgets any words. When she became ^e _____ in 2004, she even explained to Dr. Patterson what the problem was – she had a toothache! She is famous around the world and seems to enjoy all the ^f _____. Koko is also a good teacher. She taught Michael, another gorilla who came to provide ^g _____, to use sign language, too. They often had ^h _____ together!

2 Choose the word or phrase that has a similar meaning to the words in *italics*.

The white elephant

Traditionally, for people in Thailand and other Asian countries, the rare white elephant had ^a *tremendous* religious significance. Because of this, white elephants didn't work in the *forests*. They were also expensive to ^b *keep* as they have special dietary requirements. For this reason, a white elephant was sometimes given as a gift to an enemy. Although he ^c *pretended* to be happy, the receiver knew that the enormous cost of looking after the elephant could easily ^d *ruin* him financially! It would also bring very bad luck if the elephant ^e *escaped* or became ^f *sick*. So today, "white elephant" refers to something that is of ^g *limited* use and is a very expensive ^h *burden*.

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| a 1 great | 2 marvelous | e 1 ran away | 2 avoided |
| b 1 remain | 2 take care of | f 1 nauseous | 2 unwell |
| c 1 claimed | 2 imagined | g 1 incomplete | 2 little |
| d 1 destroy | 2 spoil | h 1 weight | 2 responsibility |

3 Match each word in *italics* with a word or phrase that has a similar meaning.

Illegal hunting is ¹ *undoubtedly* one of the reasons why the lion population in Africa has fallen drastically over the past few decades. However, it's not just ² *poachers* who kill wild animals. Some organizations provide services for those who want to pay to hunt wild animals ³ *legally*. They maintain that trophy hunting is a vital part of conservation. It may be something of a ⁴ *shock* to learn that some ⁵ *conservationists* agree. It costs thousands of dollars to hunt a lion, which is money that many ⁶ *game reserves* can't afford to ⁷ *turn down*. Is hunting the end of ⁸ *endangered* animals like the lion, or their savior?

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| a _____ in danger of extinction | e _____ people who protect animals |
| b _____ people who illegally kill animals | f _____ with official permission |
| c _____ reject | g _____ surprise |
| d _____ wildlife parks | h _____ certainly |

Extra vocabulary

1 Use the words in the box to complete this text.

comedy diagnosed proudly realized releases
underestimate worked

Laughter therapy

When doctors ^a _____ Norman Cousins with a disease that they claimed would soon kill him, he decided to fight back – using humor. It ^b _____ ! He soon ^c _____ that ten minutes of laughter at his favorite ^d _____ show could produce two hours of pain-free sleep. It was so successful that eventually he didn't need painkillers anymore. He wrote a book that ^e _____ described his success.

There is now a lot of research showing that laughter is healthy. It lowers blood pressure and stress levels, and boosts our immune system. It also ^f _____ the body's natural painkillers and produces a general sense of well-being. Don't ^g _____ the power of laughter; perhaps it really is the best medicine.

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Margaret Cho

Margaret Cho is a Korean-American comedian who got her ¹ *lucky break* at the age of 16. In the U.S., her ² *independent* style and strong-minded ³ *character* soon made her very famous. She was not afraid to express her political and social ⁴ *views* through her comedy. Margaret appeared on numerous TV talk shows and ⁵ *starred in* over a dozen movies. She even had dinner at the White House with the president! When her TV show *All American Girl* was canceled in 1994, Margaret left ⁶ *show business* for a while, before ⁷ *bouncing back*. Now she is looking for ⁸ *international* success.

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| a _____ big chance | e _____ the entertainment industry |
| b _____ was the main actor in | f _____ recovering |
| c _____ individual | g _____ opinions |
| d _____ nature | h _____ worldwide |

The global village

Extra vocabulary

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RugMark

Some products have ¹ *labels* to show they have been made in safe and decent working conditions. One such label is RugMark, which was ² *launched* in 1994, following revelations in the 1990s that children in India, Nepal, and Pakistan were forced to work ³ *illegally* in appalling conditions, making carpets to be ⁴ *exported*. This label ⁵ *guarantees* that the carpet has been produced without the use of child labor. RugMark has saved many children from working in ⁶ *conditions* of slavery in ⁷ *exploitative* factories. RugMark gives ethical consumers some confidence and ⁸ *vulnerable* children some hope.

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| a | ___ unlawfully | e | ___ circumstances |
| b | ___ abusive | f | ___ founded |
| c | ___ defenseless | g | ___ promises |
| d | ___ sold overseas | h | ___ tags |

2 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word in *italics*.

Youth hostels

If you are looking for ^a *adventure* and want to ^b *explore* the world fairly cheaply, then save money by staying in a youth hostel. Youth hostels are great places to stay for people of all ages. The ^c *price* depends on the number of people you share a room with, and the ^d *rates* are very good. You can wash your clothes and cook there. They are also excellent places to ^e *mix* with other travelers. If you want more ^f *luxurious* surroundings, then go somewhere else. But if you are looking for ^g *relaxation* and a friendly face, ^h *search* for the Hostelling International (HI) sign. Don't forget to book in advance – these places are popular!

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|---|--------------|-----------------|---|--------------|---------------|
| a | 1 excitement | 2 danger | e | 1 socialize | 2 confuse |
| b | 1 discover | 2 travel around | f | 1 relaxed | 2 comfortable |
| c | 1 cost | 2 penalty | g | 1 moderation | 2 rest |
| d | 1 charges | 2 standards | h | 1 look | 2 investigate |

3 Complete the text with the words and phrases in the box.

decline experience factory growing lay off sales product support

Globalization: problem or solution?

For some people, globalization is the cause of almost all the problems in today's world; from environmental pollution to ^a _____ unemployment and poverty. Whenever a ^b _____ has to ^c _____ its workers, or the ^d _____ of a particular ^e _____ begin to ^f _____, some people say it's due to globalization. Yet those who ^g _____ globalization say it's good for everyone. They say that globalization is the way forward, and we are all winners in a great global ^h _____. Whoever we believe, only one thing is certain – if globalization is here to stay, then so are the protests.

That's entertainment

Extra vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words and phrases in the box.

caught on copy development expect
keep up with specialists predict unique

The arrival of "reality TV" has marked yet another ^a _____ in television entertainment. In one popular show – *Big Brother* – a group of ordinary people live together in a house full of cameras. Each week, the "players" vote for one person to leave the house. The last person to leave receives a big cash prize. Audiences loved it when it was first launched, and soon almost every country had their own *Big Brother* show. It was ^b _____ at first, but this type of show ^c _____ quickly. Soon, television companies around the world began to ^d _____ the idea to ^e _____ the competition, coming out with a wide range of different reality TV shows. However, gradually, fewer people are watching these shows. Perhaps they have become too similar, and everyone knows what to ^f _____. Already, ^g _____ are trying to ^h _____ what the next TV entertainment fashion will be.

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BASE jumping

The ^a *passion* for jumping off very high things such as buildings or mountains is called BASE jumping. BASE jumpers throw themselves off mountains, high bridges, and numerous other high things. In some cases, the ^b *event* is ^c *covered* on TV. A lot of skill is needed, and BASE jumping is extremely ^d *risky*. For enthusiasts, however, BASE jumping ^e *represents* the most ^f *extreme* form of ^g *freedom* – the opportunity to push themselves to the ^h *limit* of their abilities.

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| a | 1 fever | 2 enthusiasm |
| b | 1 occasion | 2 result |
| c | 1 protected | 2 reported |
| d | 1 dangerous | 2 uncertain |
| e | 1 acts for | 2 symbolizes |
| f | 1 radical | 2 severe |
| g | 1 openness | 2 independence |
| h | 1 edge | 2 restriction |

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Asian cinema goes international

¹ *Fans* of Asian movies can finally be happy that Eastern movies are finding success in Western movie theaters. Action movies starring Jackie Chan, Jet Li, and Chow Yun Fat have been ² *phenomenally* popular. Directors such as Taiwan's Ang Lee, China's John Woo, Japan's Takeshi Kitano, and Korea's Park Kwang-su have also found international ³ *recognition*. Of course, most of these movies ⁴ *involve* martial arts, but their appeal is also due to very strong ⁵ *plots*, and ⁶ *superb* acting and direction. At last, Asian movies are enjoying the success they ⁷ *deserve* in the West, and many of their ⁸ *casts* are now big names worldwide.

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|---|--------------------|---|----------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|
| a | _____ actors | e | _____ admirers | c | _____ include | g | _____ fame |
| b | _____ astoundingly | f | _____ merit | d | _____ first-rate | h | _____ storylines |