

BRIDGE



USEFUL PHRASES

Finding information

a website / a page / to scroll / a link, to link / a search engine / fact-checking / to do online research / a reverse image search / to google / a route planner / search results / (Google) hits / a search box / a browser / a search bar / upload date / narrow your search terms / to filter, a filter / a domain (.com, .org, etc.) / a URL

Social media

likes / trolling for likes / comments / replies / to @ someone (to link to someone in a comment, reply or post) / a direct message, to direct message (DM) someone / to slide into (someone's) DMs / to PM someone (to send a private message) / to block / to mute / to follow / to subscribe / to share / to repost / to retweet (RT) / a timeline (TL) / an emoticon / (an) emoji / a gif / a meme / a poll / a tag / a hashtag / trending / an influencer / sponsored content

Fun and friendship

a browser game / a massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG) / streaming / livestreaming / liveblogging / a forum / a chatroom / an online dating site / online support groups / to chat

Online dangers

scams / trolling / fake news / clickbait / troll factories / spam / a bot / cybercrime / phishing emails / denial-of-service (DOS), distributed denial-of-service (DDOS) attacks / identity theft / tracking cookies / malware / spyware / malicious software / a security vulnerability / a software patch, to patch / hacking / predators / catfishing (creating a fake online persona) / cyberbullying / to dox, doxing (publicly revealing someone's personal information) / cyberstalking / harassment / oversharing / deepfakes / addictive behaviour / virus protection / a security update / an ad blocker / anonymity / two-step verification

Acronyms and slang

LOL (laughing out loud) / LMAO (laughing my ass off) / ROFL (rolling on floor laughing) / IRL (in real life) / AFK (away from keyboard) / smh (shaking my head) / brb (be right back) / AFAIK (as far as I know) / IDK (I don't know) / FWIW (for what it's worth) / IMO, IMHO (in my (humble) opinion) / JK (just kidding) / OTOH (on the other hand) / ATM (at the moment) / OMG (oh my God) / ZOMG (= OMG but more excited) / nvm (never mind) / FOMO (fear of missing out) / YOLO (you only live once) / BFF (best friend forever) / bf, gf (boy/girlfriend) / noob, newbie / a burn (very effective insult) / to drag (to humiliate someone publicly)

PAIR DISCUSSION

You and a friend are talking about something that happened at school today. You are worried that it will be posted online, but your friend is hoping it will. What do you say to your friend about the dangers of the online world?

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

- How do you use the internet?
- Do you feel more informed and connected to other people because of the internet, or less? In what ways?
- How do you feel about the pros and cons of the place the internet has in our lives today?
- What do you do to protect yourself online?

PICTURE PROMPTS

Look at the pictures on the other side of the card. Choose one and describe it.

Now compare and contrast the two pictures. Talk about the people and situations you see and the ways they are similar to and different from each other.