

## **The Internet**

The internet is a central part of modern life. We use it throughout the day to communicate, shop, work and for entertainment. This sheet describes the positive and negative impacts that the internet has on our lives.

### **Positives of the Internet**

There are many advantages to using the internet.

It gives us instant access to information on almost any subject.

Shops and other services are now available online.

People can buy goods and services from the comfort of their homes.

The internet has revolutionised communication.

We can keep in touch by e-mail or instant messenger services.

Video messaging is becoming common for business meetings.

### **Summary**

There are many advantages to using the internet. It gives us instant access to information on almost any subject. This has multiple benefits, such as finding information to use in a university research paper. Furthermore, the internet has radically altered the way that we can buy goods and services. We can now select from a wider selection of products from the comfort of their homes.

Finally, the internet has revolutionised communication. We can now communicate instantly and over long distances by using instant messaging services. This ability has allowed work environments to become more flexible as people do not have to go to work to do their jobs. For example, video messaging is becoming common for business meetings.

### **Negatives of the Internet**

Many websites contain offensive content.

Some sites show violent or sexual images.

Parents find it difficult to control what their children see online.

They do not always know who their children are chatting to.

With so many websites it is difficult to search for good information.

Criminals increasingly use the internet to steal people's money.

### **Summary**

The internet has brought with it many problems. Many websites contain offensive content that is disturbing to witness, especially for young people. For example, some websites show sexual imagery which may disturb the minds of young people. Parents find it difficult to control what their children see online. For example, they do not always know who their children are chatting to.

Furthermore, while the internet contains so much valuable information, it can be very difficult to find it. There are so many websites that it is difficult to search for exactly what you are looking for. Finally, criminals increasingly use the internet to steal people's money. For example, people have had their online bank accounts emptied by online criminals.

### **Question**

The internet has brought about many changes into our day to day life. Nowadays we are doing things such as mailing, contacting, banking and communication much faster. Do these developments have more advantages than disadvantages?