

Technology and the Internet Vocabulary in English

Level: B1

Learn the words you need to talk about technology and the internet: devices like a laptop and a smartphone, online words like website, app and password, and verbs like download, upload, share and update. Read each word and its example, then do the exercises. Many sentences about technology use the passive, for example: The app was updated last week.

Devices

laptop		I use my laptop for work and for films.
smartphone		She has had her smartphone for three years.
screen	the flat part of a phone or computer that shows pictures and words	The screen of my phone broke when I dropped it.
keyboard		The keyboard on my old laptop was very noisy.
battery		The battery on my new phone lasts all day.
charger		I forgot my charger , so my phone is off.
headphones		I listen to music on my headphones on the bus.
device	a machine like a phone, a tablet or a laptop	Many families have four or five devices at home.

Online life

website	a place on the internet with pages about one topic or company	The website was built by a small team in Spain.
app	a program that you use on a phone or tablet	This app was made for people who learn English.
search engine	a website that helps you find things on the internet	Most people use a search engine to find information.
social media	websites and apps where people share photos and news	Teenagers spend a lot of time on social media .
online	on the internet	I bought my shoes online last week.
link	a word or picture that you click to go to another page	Click the link to read the full story.
email		I send about twenty emails a day.
password	a secret word that lets you into your account	Your password must have at least eight letters.

account	your own page on a website, with your name and information	I opened an account on the shop's website.
Wi-Fi	a way to connect to the internet without a cable	Does the café have free Wi-Fi ?
connection	the way your device is joined to the internet	I lost my internet connection during the video call.

What we do with technology

download	to copy a file from the internet to your device	You can download the app for free.
upload	to send a file from your device to the internet	I uploaded the photos to the website this morning.
log in	to go into your account with your name and password	You need your password to log in .
log out	to leave your account when you finish	Please log out when you finish using a shared computer.
browse	to look at web pages without looking for one special thing	I often browse the internet before I go to sleep.
share	to let other people see or use something that you have	He shared the photos with all his friends.
update	to change a program to the newest version	The app was updated last week, and now it works faster.
charge	to put electricity into a battery	I charge my phone every night.
delete	to remove something from a device	I deleted all the old photos from my phone.
post	to put a message or a photo on social media	She posted a photo of her dog yesterday.

Exercise 1: Match the Words

Match each word with its picture or meaning.

- laptop → _____
- smartphone → _____
- battery → _____
- headphones → _____
- keyboard → _____
- password → _____
- download → _____
- search engine → _____

a secret word that lets you into your account a website that helps you find things on the internet to copy a file from the internet to your device     

Exercise 2: Choose the Correct Word

Choose the correct word or phrase for each sentence.

9. The ___ on my phone is almost empty. I need to charge it.
a) battery b) screen c) keyboard
10. I can't ___ to my account because I have forgotten my password.
a) log in b) log out c) update
11. Teenagers spend a lot of time on ____.
a) social media b) a password c) a battery
12. Before the flight, I ___ two films onto my tablet so I could watch them without Wi-Fi.
a) downloaded b) uploaded c) browsed
13. To find information on the internet, you can use a ____.
a) search engine b) charger c) keyboard
14. She sent me a ___ to the article. I just clicked on it.
a) link b) password c) battery
15. The app ___ last week, and now it works faster.
a) was updated b) updates c) is updating

Exercise 3: Fill in the Blank

Type the missing word.

16. I bought these shoes ___ last week. I didn't go to a shop. (o...)
17. Please ___ out when you finish. Other people use this computer. (l...)
18. The café has free ___, so I can use the internet on my phone. (W...)
19. She ___ a video of her holiday yesterday. Now everyone can see it. (upload)
20. Your ___ must be secret. Don't tell it to anyone. (p...)
21. My phone is slow. I need to ___ the app to the newest version. (u...)
22. I don't want these photos. I'm going to ___ them from my phone. (d...)

Answer key

Exercise 1: Match the Words

1. laptop → 
2. smartphone → 
3. battery → 
4. headphones → 
5. keyboard → 
6. password → a secret word that lets you into your account
7. download → to copy a file from the internet to your device
8. search engine → a website that helps you find things on the internet

Exercise 2: Choose the Correct Word

9. a) battery
10. a) log in
11. a) social media
12. a) downloaded
13. a) search engine
14. a) link
15. a) was updated

Exercise 3: Fill in the Blank

16. online / on the internet
17. log / sign
18. Wi-Fi / wifi
19. uploaded / posted / shared
20. password
21. update / upgrade
22. delete / remove / erase