

25 Years of the Internet

The internet is amazing. It is only 25 years old but it has completely changed the world. So what on earth is the internet? Who invented it? How has it changed the world so quickly? Find the answers to these questions and more as you keep reading!

What is the internet?

The internet is an enormous network which carries information all over the world. It is like a web which links lots of things together. Computers, TVs and mobile phones are all joined to each other by a system of huge cables, tiny wires and even wireless connections. Millions of signals and messages are sent around this system each and every day. We use the internet for many things, such as viewing websites, watching our favourite video clips and sending emails.

Who made it?


Smaller networks (which were similar to the modern internet) were made 50 years ago, but they were relatively tiny and quite tricky to use. They were mainly made for universities and the military so very few people used them. Then in 1990, a man called Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web, which connected networks all over the world and was simple enough for normal people to use. In 1991, he shared it with everyone and now anybody can use the internet!



Changing the World


Tim Berners-Lee only created the first website in 1990, but now half the population of earth use the World Wide Web! People very quickly realised that 'the Web', as it became known, let people do things they had never thought were possible. The internet is so useful because it connects people almost instantly. Using the internet a person in China can easily speak to somebody in America about a visit or a business deal. Someone in Britain can buy a car from Australia with a few clicks of their computer mouse!

Nowadays, people fall in love on the internet. You can store all your precious photos on the internet. You can also share ideas on the internet. Many people have become millionaires simply by making videos in their house which they share online! New websites, new technology and new ideas are constantly being added to the internet. It has made progress faster than anyone would have believed 25 years ago. It has completely changed the world.

Steps to Success

Lockdown work	
Date	Thursday 11 th February
Subject/s	ERIC
Learning Objective 	To understand a text.

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Success Criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can retrieve key ideas from a text. I can interpret ideas from a text. I can explain the meanings of vocabulary in a text. 		
Support	Independent () Support	Group Work	

Explain:



1) Read through the text and find the definition of these words.

- a) Signals: _____
- b) Connections: _____
- c) Precious: _____
- d) System: _____

2) In the sentence 'Smaller networks (which were similar to the modern internet) were made 50 years ago'.

- a) What does the word 'modern' mean? _____
- b) Rewrite the sentence using a different word to modern.

Retrieve



3) Who made the first website?

4) Which information goes with which bit of history? Write the letters next to the right answer.

A The first website was made.

B Things like the modern internet were made.

C Half the people in the world use the internet.

50 years ago	
1990	
Today	

5) Make a list of 5 things that people use the internet for. The answers must come from the text.

6) Find and copy the sentence that has the word 'mouse' in it.



Interpret

7) The title says '25 Years of the Internet'. Find and copy the sentence which shows that it is a good choice for the title.

8) 'It links lots of things together.' Think of a word that you could use instead of link.