

# Talk a Lot

## Internet – What kind of internet user are you?

Student A

Ask and answer questions to complete the gaps, and find out information about four people who use the internet regularly. Who is the most similar to you? In what ways?

	Suzi	“Gonk”
Age / Age when first online	18 / 7	10 / 4
Type of user / Avg. hours per day		
Browser / Type of connection	Internet Explorer / broadband	Firefox / fast broadband
# Friends on Facebook / Twitter		0 / 18
Prefers to communicate by...		
Yesterday at 9.25 am	chatting with boyfriend on MySpace	searching for games during IT class
Yesterday at 1.48 pm		
Yesterday at 11.52 pm	chatting with new boyfriend on MySpace	

	Patty	Richard
Age / Age when first online		91 / 90
Type of user / Avg. hours per day	proud mum / 2	silver surfer / 1
Browser / Type of connection	Google Chrome / broadband	
# Friends on Facebook / Twitter		12 / not registered yet
Prefers to communicate by...		
Yesterday at 9.25 am	posting super new pictures of family	talking to brother in Bali via Skype
Yesterday at 1.48 pm	reading friends' comments about family	
Yesterday at 11.52 pm		



Student B

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	Suzi	“Gonk”
Age / Age when first online		
Type of user / Avg. hours per day	internet native / 6	gamer / 8
Browser / Type of connection		
# Friends on Facebook / Twitter	1,244 / 1,479	
Prefers to communicate by...	instant message	email
Yesterday at 9.25 am		
Yesterday at 1.48 pm	chatting up boyfriend's mate in café	playing games during English class
Yesterday at 11.52 pm		completing 89 <sup>th</sup> level on “World of Heroes” after five hours online

	Patty	Richard
Age / Age when first online	38 / 30	
Type of user / Avg. hours per day		
Browser / Type of connection		Internet Explorer / dial-up
# Friends on Facebook / Twitter	104 / 43	
Prefers to communicate by...	Skype and email	snail mail
Yesterday at 9.25 am		
Yesterday at 1.48 pm		emailing funds to brother via PayPal
Yesterday at 11.52 pm	deleting several pictures of family	celebrating brother's release on bail

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#### Answers

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"Who is the most similar to you? In what ways?" Answers will vary. When they have completed filling the gaps, students should discuss which person's internet use is most similar to their own. They should produce appropriate reasons for their choices – why they have chosen one person rather than another. For example: "I'm most similar to Patty, because I often use Skype, and I enjoy posting pictures of my family on Facebook..." Or... "I'm not at all like Richard, because I use broadband, rather than dial-up, and I've got lots of friends on Facebook and Twitter..." [etc.]

\*Note: "Gonk" could be this boy's online nickname/username!

#### Sample Questions

How old is \_\_\_\_\_?  
 How old was \_\_\_\_\_ when she/he first went online?  
 What type of user is \_\_\_\_\_?  
 How many hours per day does \_\_\_\_\_ spend online, on average?  
 Which browser does \_\_\_\_\_ use?  
 What type of connection does \_\_\_\_\_ have?  
 How many friends has \_\_\_\_\_ got on Facebook?  
 How many friends has \_\_\_\_\_ got on Twitter?  
 How does \_\_\_\_\_ prefer to communicate?  
 What was \_\_\_\_\_ doing online yesterday at 9.25 am?  
 What was \_\_\_\_\_ doing online yesterday at 1.48 pm?  
 What was \_\_\_\_\_ doing online yesterday at 11.52 pm?

#### Sample Answers

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when she/he first went online.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is a/an \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ spends about \_\_\_\_\_ hours per day online, on average.  
 She/he uses \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ has a \_\_\_\_\_ connection.  
 She/he's got \_\_\_\_\_ friends on Facebook.  
 She/he's got \_\_\_\_\_ friends on Twitter.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ prefers to communicate by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 She/he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 She/he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 She/he was \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Examples

How old was Suzi when she first went online?  
 What type of user is "Gonk"?  
 How many friends has Patty got on Facebook?  
 What was Richard doing online yesterday at 1.48 pm?  
 [etc.]

Suzi was seven years old when she first went online.  
 "Gonk" is a gamer.  
 She's got one hundred and four friends on Facebook.  
 He was emailing funds to his brother via PayPal.

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Extension: you could try to encourage some comparative/superlative questions and sentences too, for example:

Who uses the internet the most each day?  
Who has been using the internet the longest?  
Who has the slowest internet connection?

"Gonk" uses...  
Suzi has...  
Richard has...

[etc.]

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