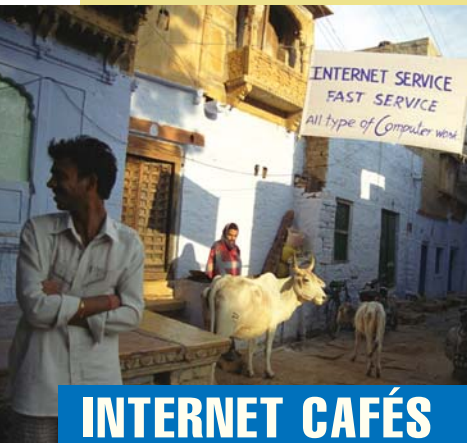


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INTERNET CAFÉS

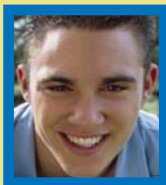
The world loves internet cafés. There are about 100,000 internet cafés in the world – 80 of them in London. How many internet cafés are there in your town?

London's Easy Internet Café has about 400 computers. But many cafés in India and China only have one or two computers. 'It's not important,' says Arun, 16, from Delhi. 'With one computer, I can talk to the world.'



'I love the internet café in my town. I play games there or surf the internet.'

Sehlu, 13, Zimbabwe



'I surf on wi-fi internet. Internet cafés are dead!'

Wayne, 15, Wales



'I shop online at an internet café. I'm not good with computers, but the people at the café help me.'

Margaret, 60, England



'Internet cafés are expensive. I surf the net at the library. You don't pay there, but you can't play computer games.'

Jacob, 13, Scotland

What do these words mean? You can look in a dictionary.

the world to surf the net online a library wi-fi

BLOGGING

Do you know?

- Blog is short for web log.
- At blogcatalog.com and other websites you can find thousands of blogs.
- 35% of British teenagers want their own blog, but usually they don't have time.
- There are bloggers in China, in Iraq, in Niger, in Sri Lanka. They tell the world about their country's problems.

Start a blog – it's easy. Write about your life. Or write messages to a blogger. Then the blogger can write to you.



'My blog's great. People like reading about my life after the tsunami. Things are very difficult here in Sri Lanka. My family is very poor. But I have lots of friends now in Europe and America.'

Chandrika, 16

What do these words mean?
a website my own a circle
a village a tsunami

'I live in Sweden, in the Arctic Circle. It's very cold. There are only 75 people in my village, and only five teenagers. It's very boring, and I've got no love life. But I write a blog now and a girl from the next village,

Katarina, writes messages to me. It's 50km to her village. I like her photo. We're meeting next Saturday for the first time.

Lars, 17



'I love my blog. It's two today. I write for 45 minutes every day – about life in London, about my friends, my mum and dad, my school. I take photos of people on the streets and put them on my blog too.'

Jane, 13

Do you read or write blogs? Find some on the internet. Which is your favourite?