

The amazing world of the Internet



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I think the Internet is one of the most amazing things in the world. It is a way of connecting a person with almost all the information he or she will ever want to know. It is a way of meeting new people, learning about events in your area, such as concerts, doing research for an **essay**, and **even** finding **recipes** for food dishes. I use the Internet every day at school and at home.

It has become a very important part of life here in the United States. My teachers have stopped giving us our **assignments** in class; instead, they **post** our homework on the school website for us to go and look at when we get home. We have also started to e-mail our homework to our teachers on a daily basis, rather than **hand** it in at school.

We use the Internet a lot more in school, but I have also started using the Internet almost every day outside of school. **Whenever** I need to do research for a project, the first website that I go to is www.google.com. Google has become one of my best friends. It helps me find information to complete school projects and discover small, fun facts about all sorts of things.

The Internet is very useful, but it can also **lead** you to false information. Last year, I was writing a **paper** on World War II. I found a website that I believed would be helpful. After I had handed in my paper to my teacher and she had graded it, she gave it back with lots of red marks all over it. The website that I had used to find information had actually given me false information. That effected my **grade**. But the Internet can still be a great **source**, if used correctly.

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Reading Comprehension Exercise

Read the text above, then answer the following questions:

1. How often does James use the Internet?
2. Where does he use it?
3. How do his teachers give homework to their students?
4. Which is one of James' favourite websites?
5. Why does he like it?
6. Overall, what does James think about the Internet?