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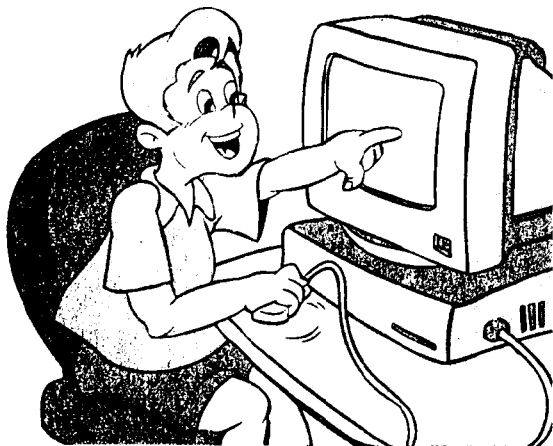
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## 联入因特网

因特网(Internet)是一种技术系统。它可以利用电话线把你的电脑与全世界所有的电脑相连。你可以参加会议，进入图书馆、博物馆、研究所，还可以与千里之外的人取得联系……或者还可以帮助别人。当凯茜在危难中时，她不断地向安迪求救，而安迪在地球的另一侧，因特网能够救她吗？

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**Barbara Chatwin**

# **THE INTERNET LINK**

*Internet is a technological system that can connect your computer with all the computers of the world, using the telephone lines. You can participate in conferences, have access to libraries, museums, institutions and contact people that are thousands of miles away... and perhaps help someone.*

*When Cathy is in danger, she keeps asking Andy for help, but he's on the other side of the world! Can Internet save her?*

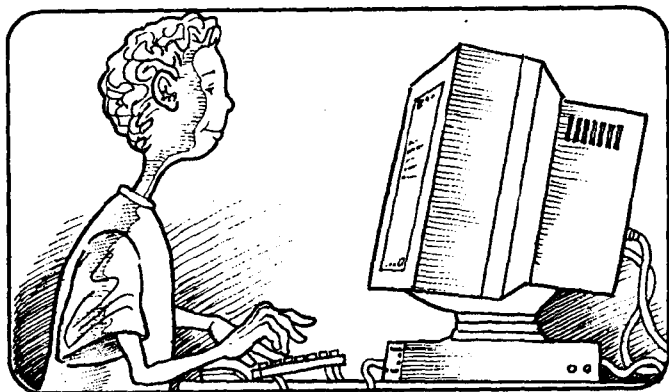
# THE INTERNET LINK

Andy Summers looked at his watch. "Five more minutes of school... then I'm free till Monday," he thought.

"That's the end of today's lessons," wrote Miss Rogers, the teacher. "Andy Summers... are you there?"

"Yes, Miss Rogers, I'm here," Andy replied.

"Remember to switch on<sup>1</sup> at 8.45 on Monday and don't forget<sup>2</sup> your English history homework. You can get all the information you need through Internet."



1. **to switch on:** to turn on (a machine, a light, etc.).

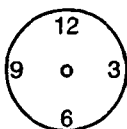
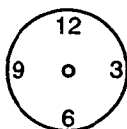
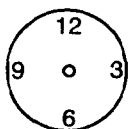
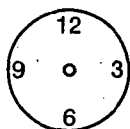
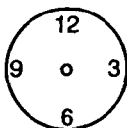
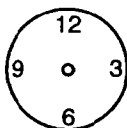
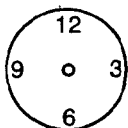
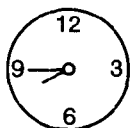
2. **to forget** is the opposite of *to remember*.



## ACTIVITY



**Listen and complete the times.**



**Look at the example and use the times to write similar sentences.**

I switch on my computer at 8.45.

I switch it off at 12.30.

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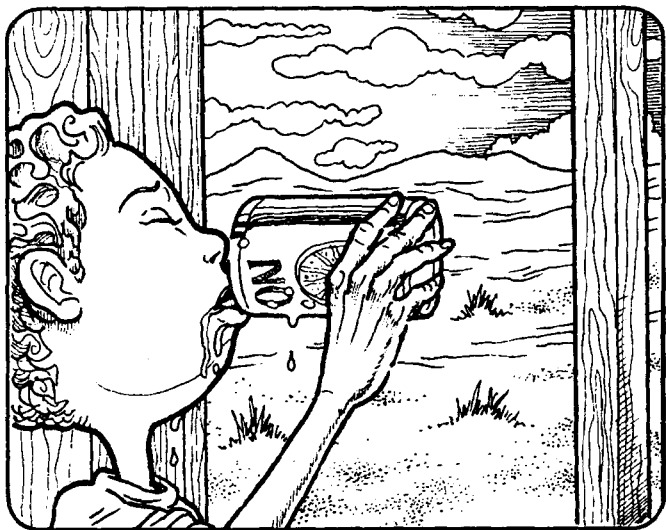
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Andy switched off his computer and went into the kitchen. He opened the fridge<sup>1</sup>, took out a tin of lemonade and went to sit outside. It was very hot and Andy drank<sup>2</sup> thirstily. He looked around him. There was nothing but the dry desert land typical of central Australia. Andy's nearest friend lived thirty miles away on a ranch<sup>3</sup> similar to the one where Andy lived. The nearest town was Alice Springs, 142 miles away.



1. **fridge**: abbreviation of *refrigerator*.
2. **drank** is the past tense of *to drink*.
3. **ranch**: a large farm.

## ACTIVITY



**Listen and complete the sentences from the list below.**

*Alice Springs – Andy's friend – Andy's horse – the river.*

*30 miles – 142 miles – 28 miles – Half a mile.*

How far away is Andy's friend?

About 30 miles.

How far away is ..... ?

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How far away is ..... ?

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How far away is ..... ?

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**Now write the complete answers.**

Andy's friend is about thirty miles away.

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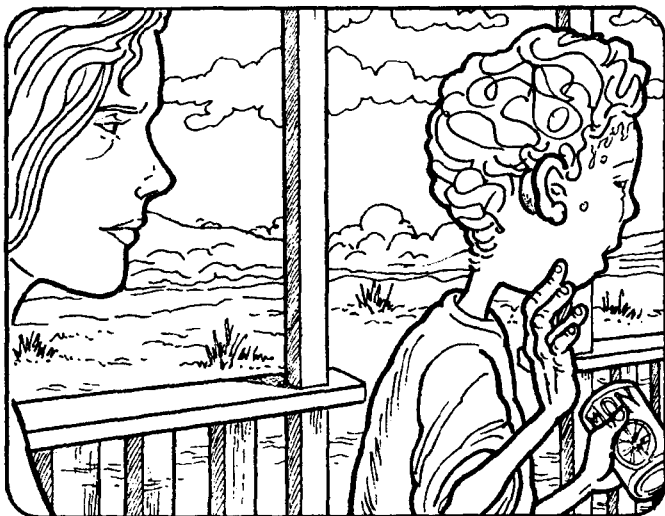
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All the children who lived on ranches in the Australian desert studied by means of<sup>1</sup> computer. Every week day they switched on their computer and, using a *modem*<sup>2</sup>, they followed the lessons from a school in Alice Springs. Andy never met his teachers or his school friends.

"Are you going for a ride<sup>3</sup> before dinner, Andy?" asked his mother.

"No, I've got some homework to do," he replied, and went back into the house.



1. **by means of:** with the help of.
2. **modem:** electronic device which allows communication between distant computers.
3. **a ride:** a ride on a horse.

## ACTIVITY



**Put the sentences in the correct order.**

1) computers switched they on their.  
.....

2) on ranches the lived children.  
.....

3) I've homework got do to some.  
.....

4) Alice Springs nearest town was the.  
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**Now write the sentences in the negative.**

1) .....

2) .....

3) .....

4) .....



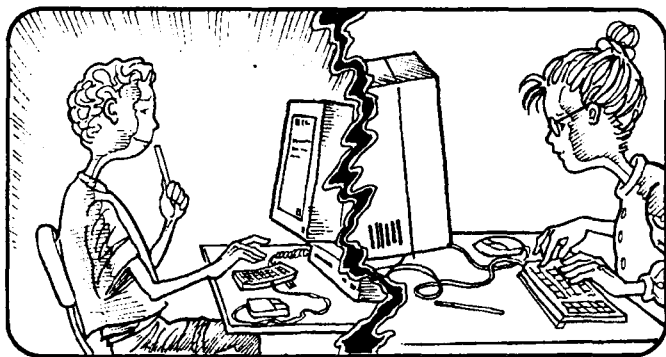
**Listen and correct all the sentences.**

Andy quickly typed<sup>1</sup> the address for the conference on English history. "My name's Andy," he wrote. "Can anybody tell me where I can find some information on Henry Tudor?"

Thirty seconds later a message appeared on his monitor. "Hi! My name's Cathy Bass. What do you need?"

"Everything on King Henry VIII and his wives<sup>2</sup>." Andy typed back. "Where are you from, Cathy?"

"Seattle USA," Cathy answered, "but at the moment I'm staying in the mountains with my father. He's a ranger<sup>3</sup>. And you?"



1. **to type:** to write on a keyboard (the part of the computer that has the letters and the numbers).
2. **wives** is plural of *wife*.
3. **ranger:** a forest guard.

# ACTIVITY



Complete the table with the correct form of singular or plural. Listen and repeat.

***Singular***

***Plural***

Wife.....

WIVES

KNIFE

.....

.....

LIVES

THIEF

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LEAVES

SHELF

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CHILDREN

PERSON

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SECRETARIES

WOMAN

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BOXES

CLASS

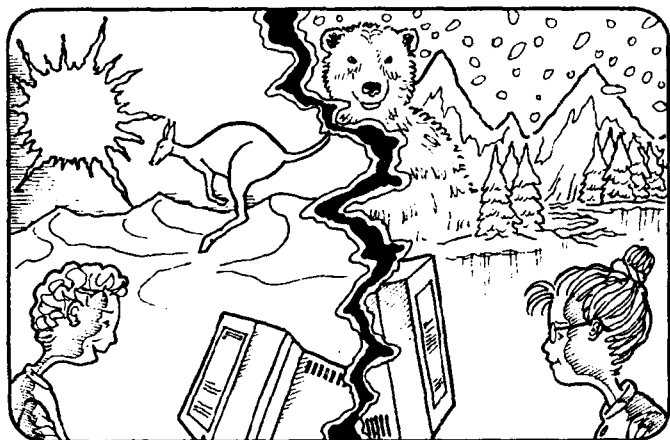
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Andy told Cathy about his life in the Australian desert. He described<sup>1</sup> the desert, the kangaroos and the very hot weather<sup>2</sup>. "I went to Alice Springs two years ago," he said. "It's a great place, but still hot!"

Cathy told Andy about Seattle and the forests where she spent a lot of her time. "There are high pine trees, lakes and a lot of animals such as bears, wolves and elks<sup>3</sup>," she explained. "In the winter there is so much snow that we are blocked in our mountain house for days."



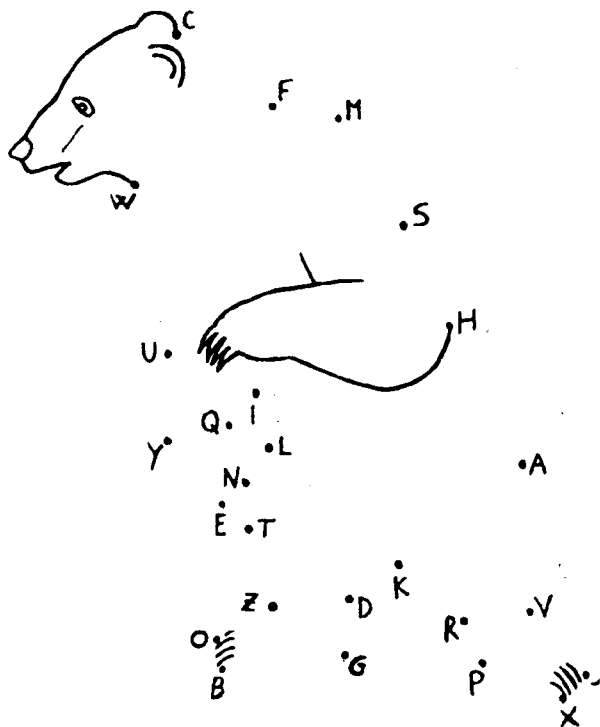
1. **to describe:** to say what something or somebody looks like.
2. **weather:** climate.
3. **elks:** forest animals with very big horns (antlers) on their heads.



# ACTIVITY



Listen and join the letters of the alphabet.



Pronunciation practise.

*Thought – thirstily – thirty – the – their – they – that.*