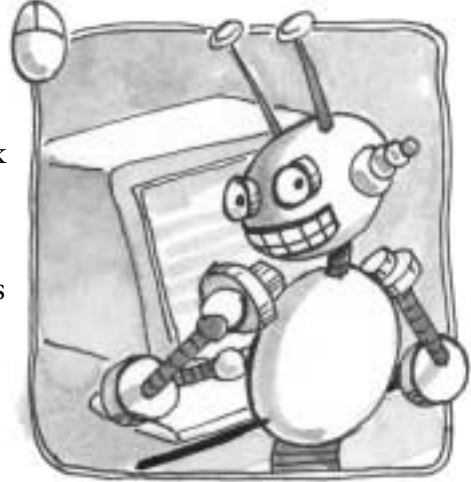


- Read the advertisement below, using context clues to determine the meanings of the boldfaced Vocabulary Words. Then write each Vocabulary Word next to its definition.

TOO MUCH E-MAIL? SILAS THE SORTER CAN HELP!

Are you being **bombarded** with tons of e-mail messages every day? Stop the cyber **barrage** with SILAS THE SORTER!

For only \$25 per month, you can hire Silas to go to work for you every time you're **online**. Just hook him up to the **modem** that connects your computer to the Internet, and Silas will keep track of the **transmission** of e-mail messages to your address. He's fully **interactive**, so he'll ask you to tell him which messages to save and which to delete. All you do is click the mouse.



1. _____ the act of passing something along
 2. _____ having two-way communication that involves a user's orders and responses
 3. _____ an overwhelming attack of many things at once
 4. _____ attacked repeatedly and rapidly
 5. _____ connected to a computer network or the Internet
 6. _____ an electronic device that allows computers to send messages over telephone lines or other lines
- Write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each sentence.
7. You might describe a huge amount of mail arriving at your home as a _____.
 8. If you are communicating with someone far away by computer, you must be _____.



Write a short message that includes an acronym, such as *modem*. Exchange messages with a partner.

- Read the paragraph. Circle the letter of the best answer to each question.

What does it mean to send e-mail in i-mode? Taryn has been reading about a new way to communicate that may make desktop computers obsolete. I-mode is already popular in Japan and probably will soon become popular everywhere. To use i-mode, you need a special wireless phone with a tiny screen. Although you can carry on conversations just as you would with any telephone, you can also send e-mail and surf the Web. It is even possible to download and play music. Taryn believes that i-mode may be the most exciting new technology ever.

- 1 Which of the following statements is a fact? —

- A Desktop computers are out-of-date.
- B Telephone computers are exciting.
- C I-mode is a great way to send mail.
- D You can surf the Web in i-mode.

**Tip**

Which statement is fact because it is based on observation or direct evidence?

- 2 Why is the last sentence in the paragraph an opinion? —

- F It states Taryn's belief.
- G It is incorrect.
- H It is something Taryn can do.
- J It has to do with technology.

**Tip**

In choosing your answer, think about what makes opinions different from facts.

- 3 Which fact does NOT support the opinion that i-mode will soon become popular everywhere? —

- A Music can be downloaded and played in i-mode.
- B I-mode lets you talk on the telephone as well as surf the Web.
- C Taryn has been reading about i-mode communication.
- D I-mode lets you do many things on a tiny, portable screen.

**Tip**

Choose the fact that does not give information about what might make i-mode popular.



Skill Reminder

• A **preposition** shows the relationship

of a noun or a pronoun to another word in the sentence.

• The noun or pronoun that follows a preposition is called the **object of the preposition**.

► For each sentence, underline the complete prepositional phrase. Then write the preposition and its object.

1. Will you type an e-mail message for me? _____
2. What is your address on the Internet? _____
3. Have you ever sent a message to India? _____
4. It is amazing that a message can be sent in seconds. _____
5. An e-mail address does not have spaces between words. _____

► Rewrite each sentence, replacing the blank with an appropriate preposition.

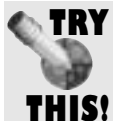
6. How many hours a week do you spend _____ the Internet? _____

7. You can send a message _____ several people.

8. A bookmark is the address _____ a website. _____

9. If you click _____ the link, you will get to the site. _____

10. I surf the Net _____ the evening and _____ weekends. _____



Scan the first five sentences of “CyberSurfer” for examples of prepositional phrases. Write down any you find.

Skill Reminder Many English words have been borrowed from the French language.

- Fold the paper along the dotted line. As each spelling word is read aloud, write it in the blank. Then unfold your paper, and check your work. Practice spelling any words you missed.

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SPELLING WORDS

1. *envelope*
2. *croquet*
3. *beret*
4. *eclair*
5. *sacrifice*
6. *chalet*
7. *theater*
8. *parade*
9. *princess*
10. *bouquet*
11. *plateau*
12. *depot*
13. *etiquette*
14. *chauffeur*
15. *sergeant*
16. *ballet*
17. *cassette*
18. *campaign*
19. *cadet*
20. *camouflage*

