

- Read the Vocabulary Words and their definitions. Then write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each sentence.

**modem:** a device that allows computers to send messages over phone lines

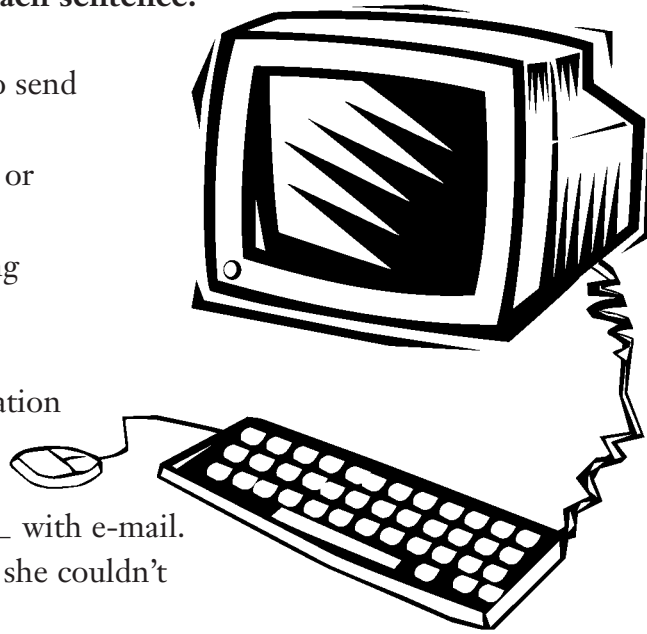
**online:** connected to a computer network or the Internet

**transmission:** the act or process of sending

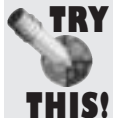
**barrage:** a huge outpouring of something

**bombarded:** attacked repeatedly

**interactive:** allowing two-way communication between people or sites



- Rachel was \_\_\_\_\_ with e-mail. She received so many e-mail messages, she couldn't respond to all of them.
- The phone line was disconnected, so the \_\_\_\_\_ wouldn't work.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Dan's message was unsuccessful. He had to send it again.
- An \_\_\_\_\_ Web site connects to other sites.
- When Betsy is \_\_\_\_\_, she is using the Internet.
- The computer center got a \_\_\_\_\_ of complaints when they closed. So many people complained, they decided to reopen.
- At first Tyson did not know what to do when his \_\_\_\_\_ could not be sent.
- Alice and Joe decided to play an \_\_\_\_\_ computer game that responded to the commands they gave it.



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. The underlined sentences and phrases will help you think about fact and opinion.

What does it mean to send e-mail in i-mode? Tonya has been reading about a new way to communicate. It may make people stop using desktop computers. 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. You can carry on conversations just as you would with a telephone. You can also send e-mail and surf the Web. It is even possible to download and play music. Tonya 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- A Desktop computers are out-of-date.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

A fact is a statement that can be supported by evidence. Facts are not about feelings. Which statement gives information about something you could do or prove?

- 2 Why is the last sentence in the paragraph an opinion?
- F It states Tonya's belief.
- G It is incorrect.
- H It is something Tonya can do.
- J It has to do with technology.

## Tip

An opinion is a statement of belief, not something you can prove. Which answer gives you this information?

- 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.
- C Tonya has been reading about i-mode communication.
- D I-mode lets you do many things on a tiny, portable screen.

## Tip

Think about why i-mode is popular. Choose the statement that does NOT tell what is good about i-mode.

