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The Internet gives new meanings to common words

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THE ARTICLE

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The fast pace at which the Internet has entered and transformed our lives has had an impact on the words and language we use. It is 20 years since the website Dictionary.com was created, and it has looked back at the past two decades to see how the worldwide web has created additional definitions to many commonly used words. Dictionary.com boss Liz McMillan says it's interesting to see, "just how much the rise of technology has shaped our word use over time". She said: "To commemorate the 20th birthday of Dictionary.com, we look back at 20 words that have expanded in meaning over the last 20 years." The website has been documenting new lexical uses since, "the dawn of the Internet era".

Perhaps one of the most easily recognisable changes is to the word "friend". For centuries, this word has been a noun. However, with the meteoric rise of Facebook, this very common word is now also a verb, as in, "Can you friend me?" A variant of this word is "befriend," which means to become friends with someone (usually in the real and not cyber world). The word "tablet" used to commonly refer to a flat piece of stone, clay, or wood that is used to write on. Now it's more likely to mean a touchscreen device that is Internet-enabled. Other words that have new definitions include "cloud," "wireless," "viral," "tweet" and "troll". There's no knowing which new words will have new meanings in the next two decades.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationquestions/11931049/QUIZ-hows-your-modern-day-vocabulary.html>
<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/living/article39544122.html>
<http://blog.dictionary.com/20-words-in-20-years/>

WARM-UPS

1. WORDS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Words. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

fast pace / transformed / impact / dictionary / two decades / definitions / Internet / centuries / cyber world / tablet / touchscreen device / cloud / wireless / viral / troll

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. NEW MEANINGS: Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

Word	Old meanings	New meanings	What do you think?
Friend			
Cloud			
Wireless			
Viral			
Tweet			
Troll			

4. NOT ENGLISH: Students A **strongly** believe Internet words should not be in English in non-English languages; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. TECH WORDS: Rank these with your partner. Put the ones you like most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- app
- friend
- like
- cloud
- wi-fi
- viral
- troll
- tablet

6. DICTIONARY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "dictionary". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151020-words.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article says the Internet has had no impact on the words we use. T / F
- b. The website Dictionary.com started 20 years ago. T / F
- c. The website looked back at language change over the past ten years. T / F
- d. Dictionary.com has been tracking lexical change for two decades. T / F
- e. The article says the biggest change to words is to the word "word". T / F
- f. The article says Facebook is responsible for a new meaning. T / F
- g. The word "tablet" also means a flat piece of clay for writing on. T / F
- h. The article says the word "troll" only came into the language last year. T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. pace | a. age |
| 2. impact | b. celebrate |
| 3. additional | c. speed |
| 4. commemorate | d. alternative form |
| 5. era | e. growth |
| 6. recognisable | f. extra |
| 7. rise | g. describe |
| 8. variant | h. effect |
| 9. refer to | i. upcoming |
| 10. next | j. identifiable |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. fast | a. shaped our word use |
| 2. transformed | b. word is "befriend" |
| 3. created additional | c. of the Internet era |
| 4. technology has | d. device |
| 5. since the dawn | e. definitions |
| 6. the meteoric | f. cyber world |
| 7. A variant of this | g. pace |
| 8. in the real and not | h. knowing |
| 9. a touchscreen | i. our lives |
| 10. There's no | j. rise of Facebook |

GAP FILL

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rise
impact
expanded
pace
dawn
additional
shaped
past

Perhaps one of the most (9) _____ recognisable changes is to the word "friend". For centuries, this word has been a (10) _____. However, with the meteoric rise of Facebook, this very common word is now also a verb, as in, "Can you friend me?" A (11) _____ of this word is "befriend," which means to become friends with someone (usually in the real and not (12) _____ world). The word "tablet" used to commonly refer to a flat piece of (13) _____, clay, or wood that is used to write on. Now it's more likely to mean a touchscreen (14) _____ that is Internet-enabled. Other words that have new definitions include "(15) _____," "wireless," "viral," "tweet" and "troll". There's no knowing which new words will have new meanings in the next two (16) _____.

cyber
noun
device
decades
easily
cloud
variant
stone

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The fast pace at which the Internet has entered and _____
 - a. transformed our live
 - b. transformed our living
 - c. transformed our livelihoods
 - d. transformed our lives
- 2) see how the worldwide web has created additional definitions to many _____
 - a. commonly useful words
 - b. commonly abused words
 - c. commonly used words
 - d. commonly use words
- 3) interesting to see just how much the rise of technology has shaped our word _____
 - a. use over time
 - b. used over time
 - c. using over time
 - d. useful over time
- 4) we look back at 20 words that have expanded in meaning over _____
 - a. a last 20 years
 - b. the last 20 years
 - c. so last 20 years
 - d. that last 20 years
- 5) The website has been documenting new lexical uses since the dawn of _____
 - a. the Internet era
 - b. the Internet ear
 - c. the Internet air
 - d. the Internet are
- 6) Perhaps one of the most easily recognisable changes is to _____
 - a. the world "friend"
 - b. the worldly "friend"
 - c. the world's "friend"
 - d. the word "friend"
- 7) However, with the meteoric rise of Facebook, this very common word is _____
 - a. now also to verb
 - b. now also one verb
 - c. now also a verb
 - d. now also that verb
- 8) become friends with someone (usually in the real and _____)
 - a. non cyber world
 - b. not cyber world
 - c. knot cyber world
 - d. now cyber world
- 9) The word "tablet" used to commonly refer to a flat piece of stone, clay, or wood that is _____
 - a. used to write on
 - b. used to write in
 - c. used to write up
 - d. used to right on
- 10) Other words that have new definitions include "cloud," "wireless," "viral," _____
 - a. "tweet" for "troll"
 - b. "tweet" and "troll"
 - c. "tweet" to "troll"
 - d. "tweet" as "troll"

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Perhaps one (7) _____ recognisable changes is to the word "friend". For centuries, this word (8) _____ noun. However, with the meteoric rise of Facebook, this very common word is now also a verb, as in, "Can you friend me?" A (9) _____ word is "befriend," which means to become friends with someone (usually in the real and not cyber world). The word "tablet" (10) _____ refer to a flat piece of stone, clay, or wood (11) _____ write on. Now it's more likely to mean a touchscreen device that is Internet-enabled. Other words that have new definitions include "cloud," "wireless," "viral," "tweet" and "troll". There's (12) _____ which new words will have new meanings in the next two decades.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What kind of speed does the article use to talk about the Internet?

2. When did the website Dictionary.com start?

3. Who is Liz McMillan?

4. What did Liz McMillan say has shaped our word use over time?

5. What dawn did Liz McMillan talk about at the end of paragraph one?

6. What did the article say was an easy word to see changes to?

7. What rose at a meteoric rate?

8. What "old" word in the article is made from stone, clay or wood?

9. What does the article say is Internet-enabled?

10. What timeframe is given in the last sentence of the article?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151020-words.html>

1. What kind of speed does the article use to talk about the Internet?
 - a) breakneck speed
 - b) fast pace
 - c) snail's pace
 - d) light speed
2. When did the website Dictionary.com start?
 - a) 1989
 - b) 1999
 - c) a decade ago
 - d) 20 years ago
3. Who is Liz McMillan?
 - a) boss of Dictionary.com
 - b) a 20-year-old
 - c) a journalist
 - d) a tablet maker
4. What did Liz McMillan say has shaped our word use over time?
 - a) the Oxford English Dictionary
 - b) Shakespeare
 - c) the rise of technology
 - d) clay
5. What dawn did Liz McMillan talk about at the end of paragraph one?
 - a) the one opposite to dusk
 - b) the Internet era
 - c) a bright dawn
 - d) the dawn of literacy
6. What did the article say was an easy word to see changes to?
 - a) friend
 - b) like
 - c) follow
 - d) post
7. What rose at a meteoric rate?
 - a) Internet use
 - b) the word "tweet"
 - c) Facebook
 - d) Dictionary.com
8. What "old" word in the article is made from stone, clay or wood?
 - a) tablet
 - b) troll
 - c) viral
 - d) wireless
9. What does the article say is Internet-enabled?
 - a) a touchscreen device
 - b) dictionaries
 - c) wireless
 - d) the cloud
10. What timeframe is given in the last sentence of the article?
 - a) the Internet era
 - b) 6 months
 - c) infinity and beyond
 - d) the next two decades

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – App

You think app is the best Internet-related word. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their words aren't so good. Also, tell the others which of these meanings are not so good (and why): cloud, wi-fi or tablet.

Role B – Cloud

You think cloud is the best Internet-related word. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their words aren't so good. Also, tell the others which of these meanings are not so good (and why): app, wi-fi or tablet.

Role C – Wi-fi

You think wi-fi is the best Internet-related word. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their words aren't so good. Also, tell the others which of these meanings are not so good (and why): cloud, app or tablet.

Role D – Tablet

You think tablet is the best Internet-related word. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their words aren't so good. Also, tell the others which of these meanings are not so good (and why): cloud, wi-fi or app.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151020-words.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'cloud' and 'troll'.

cloud	troll
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pace• created• commonly• shaped• back• era	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• easily• noun• someone• flat• other• knowing
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WORDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Words in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WORDS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'word'?
- 3) What three English words do you really like (and why)?
- 4) How has the Internet changed the words in your language?
- 5) What do you think about what you read?
- 6) Do you like English words being used in your language?
- 7) How has the Internet changed your life?
- 8) What has changed in the past two decades?
- 9) What would life be like without the Internet?
- 10) How does the Internet help you study English?

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WORDS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you think of the new verb, "friend"?
- 13) What three English words do you really dislike (and why)?
- 14) What other words that technology has created can you think of?
- 15) Which is better – "friend me" or "befriend me"? Why?
- 16) What are the different meanings of the word "cloud"?
- 17) What are the different meanings of the word "wireless"?
- 18) What are the different meanings of the word "viral"?
- 19) How interested are you in the development of words?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Dictionary.com?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Perhaps one of the most easily recognisable changes is to the word "friend". For centuries, this word has been a (7) _____. However, with the meteoric rise of Facebook, this very common word is now also a verb, (8) _____ in, "Can you friend me?" A variant of this word is "befriend," which means to become friends with someone (usually in the real and not (9) _____ world). The word "tablet" used to commonly (10) _____ to a flat piece of stone, clay, or wood that is used to write on. Now it's more likely to mean a touchscreen (11) _____ that is Internet-enabled. Other words that have new definitions include "cloud," "wireless," "viral," "tweet" and "troll". There's no (12) _____ which new words will have new meanings in the next two decades.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) pace | (b) rapid | (c) accelerate | (d) rush |
| 2. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) to | (d) on |
| 3. | (a) viewed | (b) looked | (c) watched | (d) seen |
| 4. | (a) raise | (b) risen | (c) rise | (d) arise |
| 5. | (a) expanded | (b) expansion | (c) expanding | (d) expands |
| 6. | (a) era | (b) area | (c) aura | (d) aurora |
| 7. | (a) verb | (b) clause | (c) adjective | (d) noun |
| 8. | (a) as | (b) was | (c) ease | (d) has |
| 9. | (a) saber | (b) cyber | (c) saver | (d) cider |
| 10. | (a) confer | (b) defer | (c) refer | (d) conifer |
| 11. | (a) conglomerate | (b) pump | (c) device | (d) rim |
| 12. | (a) knowledge | (b) knowing | (c) known | (d) knows |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. rrtmodsnafe our lives
2. the past two aescedd
3. created additional infdoteisni
4. tmrmeoamcoe the 20th birthday of
5. xdapedne in meaning
6. new iaxcell uses

Paragraph 2

7. easily goslnicereab (UK) / iorcalgenzeb (USA)
8. the ctmieero rise of Facebook
9. A niarvat of this word is "befriend,"
10. a touchscreen eidcev
11. Internet-dlabeen
12. "cloud," "iewessrl," "viral," "tweet" and "troll"

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	on the words and language we use. It is 20 years since the website Dictionary.com was created, and it has looked
()	documenting new lexical uses since, "the dawn of the Internet era".
()	back at 20 words that have expanded in meaning over the last 20 years." The website has been
()	been a noun. However, with the meteoric rise of Facebook, this very common word is now also a verb, as
()	and "troll". There's no knowing which new words will have new meanings in the next two decades.
()	Perhaps one of the most easily recognisable changes is to the word "friend". For centuries, this word has
()	device that is Internet-enabled. Other words that have new definitions include "cloud," "wireless," "viral," "tweet"
()	used words. Dictionary.com boss Liz McMillan says it's interesting to see, "just how much the rise
(1)	The fast pace at which the Internet has entered and transformed our lives has had an impact
()	with someone (usually in the real and not cyber world). The word "tablet" used to commonly refer to a flat
()	back at the past two decades to see how the worldwide web has created additional definitions to many commonly
()	piece of stone, clay, or wood that is used to write on. Now it's more likely to mean a touchscreen
()	of technology has shaped our word use over time". She said: "To commemorate the 20th birthday of Dictionary.com, we look
()	in, "Can you friend me?" A variant of this word is "befriend," which means to become friends

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. the 20 website years It was Dictionary.com since is created .

2. definitions how web additional See worldwide created the has .

3. has technology of rise the much How use word our shaped .

4. expanded have that Words years 20 last the over meaning in .

5. lexical uses since the dawn of the Internet era New .

6. most Perhaps easily one recognisable of changes the .

7. verb This now a common is also very word .

8. of stone Used to commonly refer to a flat piece .

9. more mean device it's to touchscreen Now likely a .

10. the next two decades Words will have new meanings in .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The fast pace *at / for* which the Internet has entered and transformed our lives has had an impact *in / on* the words and language we use. It is 20 years since the website Dictionary.com was *creation / created*, and it has looked back at the past two *decades / decadence* to see how the worldwide web has created additional *definition / definitions* to many *commonly / common* used words. Dictionary.com boss Liz McMillan says it's interesting to see, "just how much the *raise / rise* of technology has shaped our word use over time". She said: "To *commemorate / commemorative* the 20th birthday of Dictionary.com, we look back at 20 words that have expanded in meaning over the last 20 years." The website has been *documented / documenting* new lexical uses since, "the *dawn / dusk* of the Internet era".

Perhaps one of the most *easily / easy* recognisable changes is to the word "friend". For centuries, this word has been *a / the* noun. However, with the *meteoric / metre* rise of Facebook, this very common word is *now / known* also a verb, as in, "Can you friend me?" A *variant / vary* of this word is "befriend," which means to become friends with someone (usually in the *really / real* and not cyber world). The word "tablet" used to commonly *refer / defer* to a flat piece of stone, clay, or wood that is used to write on. Now it's more *likely / liking* to mean a touchscreen device that is Internet-enabled. Other words that have new definitions *include / inclusive* "cloud," "wireless," "viral," "tweet" and "troll". There's no *knowing / known* which new words will have new meanings in the next two decades.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ f_ st p_ c_ _t wh_ ch th_ _nt_rn_t h_ s_ _nt_r_d _nd
tr_nsf_r_m_d _r l_ v_ s_ h_ s_ h_ d_ n_ mp_ ct_ n th_ w_ rds
nd l ng_ _g_ w_ _s_ . _t_ _s_ 20 y_ _rs_ s_ nc_ th_
w_ bs_ t_ D_ ct_ _n_ ry. c_ m_ w_ s_ cr_ _t_ d, _nd _t_ h_ s_
l_ _k_ d_ b_ ck_ _t_ th_ p_ st_ tw_ d_ c_ d_ s_ t_ s_ _ h_ w_ th_
w_ rldw_ d_ w_ b_ h_ s_ cr_ _t_ d_ dd_ t_ _n_ l_ d_ f_ n_ t_ _ns_ t_
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b_ _n_ _n_ n. H_ w_ v_ r, w_ th_ th_ m_ t_ _r_ c_ r_ s_ _f_
F_ c_ b_ _k, th_ s_ v_ ry_ c_ mm_ n_ w_ rd_ _s_ n_ w_ _ls_ _v_ rb,
s _n, "C_ n_ y_ _ fr_ _nd_ m_ ?" _v_ r_ _nt_ _f_ th_ s_ w_ rd_ _s_
"b_ fr_ _nd," wh_ ch_ m_ _ns_ t_ b_ c_ m_ fr_ _nds_ w_ th_
s_ m_ _n_ (_s_ lly_ _n_ th_ r_ _l_ nd_ n_ t_ cyb_ r_ w_ rld). Th_
w_ rd_ "t_ bl_ t" _s_ d_ t_ c_ mm_ nly_ r_ f_ r_ t_ _ fl_ t_ p_ _c_ _f_
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m_ r_ l_ k_ ly_ t_ m_ _n_ _t_ ch_ scr_ _n_ d_ v_ c_ th_ t_ _s_
_nt_rn_t_ _n_ bl_ d. _th_ r_ w_ rds_ th_ t_ h_ v_ _n_ w_
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"tw_ _t" _nd_ "tr_ ll". Th_ r_ 's_ n_ kn_ w_ ng_ wh_ ch_ n_ w_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about new technology words. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WORDS: Make a poster about technology words. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NEW MEANINGS: Write a magazine article about the new meanings of English words entering other languages. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on English. Ask him/her three questions about the new Internet-based meanings for words. Give him/her three ideas on what other languages should do with these words. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d T e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. pace | a. speed |
| 2. impact | b. effect |
| 3. additional | c. extra |
| 4. commemorate | d. celebrate |
| 5. era | e. age |
| 6. recognisable | f. identifiable |
| 7. rise | g. growth |
| 8. variant | h. alternative form |
| 9. refer to | i. describe |
| 10. next | j. upcoming |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Fast pace
2. 20 years ago
3. Boss of Dictionary.com
4. The rise of technology
5. The dawn of the Internet era
6. Friend
7. Facebook
8. Tablet
9. A touchscreen device
10. The next two decades

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)