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Vocabulary List

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reliable adj. /rɪ'laɪəbl/

able to be trusted to work well or to be correct

Family: reliability (n.) · rely on (v.) **Use it with:** a reliable source · reliable data

A **reliable** connection matters during an online interview.

accessible adj. /æk'sesəbl/

easy to reach, use or understand for the people who need it

Family: access (n./v.) · accessibility (n.) **Use it with:** accessible to · easily accessible **Tip:** Accessible is not the same as available: a service can exist but be hard to use.

The museum is testing whether its guide is **accessible** to visitors without smartphones.

privacy n. /'prɪvəsi/

being able to keep your personal life and information to yourself

Family: private (adj.) **Use it with:** online privacy · invade someone's privacy

The survey does not collect names, to protect participants' **privacy**.

digital literacy phrase /'dɪdʒɪtl 'lɪtərəsi/

the ability to use digital tools and judge online information well

Use it with: improve digital literacy

Digital literacy includes checking a source before sharing its claim.

misleading adj. /mɪ'sli:dɪŋ/

likely to make people believe something that is not true

Family: mislead (v.) **Use it with:** misleading information · a misleading claim **Tip:** Misleading does not always mean deliberately dishonest.

The chart title is **misleading** because only current users were surveyed.

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verify v. /'verɪfaɪ/

to check that something is true or correct

Family: verification (n.) **Use it with:** verify information · verify your identity

The editor **verified** the date against the organiser's notice.

gadget n. /'gædʒɪt/

a small, useful and often new piece of equipment

Use it with: electronic gadgets · kitchen gadgets

Teenagers love the latest electronic **gadgets**.

software n. /'sɒftweə/

the programs that run on a computer or phone

Family: hardware (n.) **Use it with:** install software · software developer **Tip:** Uncountable: "a piece of software", not "a software".

The school bought new **software** for teaching maths.

artificial intelligence phrase /ˌɑ:tɪ'fɪʃl ɪn'telɪdʒəns/

computer systems that can do tasks that usually need human thinking

Family: AI (abbr.) **Use it with:** developments in artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence can now translate speech in real time.

cyberbullying n. /'saɪbəbʊlɪɪŋ/

using the internet or phones to hurt or frighten someone

Family: cyberbully (n.) **Use it with:** victims of cyberbullying

Schools need clear rules to stop **cyberbullying**.

scam n. /skæm/

a dishonest plan to get money from people

Family: scammer (n.) **Use it with:** an online scam · fall for a scam

Older people are often targets of online **scams**.

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social media phrase /ˈsəʊʃl ˈmiːdiːə/

websites and apps where people share messages, photos and videos

Use it with: on social media · social media platforms

Most teenagers check **social media** every day.

screen time phrase /skriːn taɪm/

the amount of time a person spends looking at a phone, computer or TV

Use it with: limit screen time · reduce screen time

Doctors advise limiting children's **screen time**.

broadband n. /ˈbrɔːdbænd/

a fast internet connection

Use it with: broadband access · high-speed broadband

Rural areas still lack fast **broadband**.

hacker n. /ˈhækə/

a person who gets into other people's computer systems without permission

Family: hack (v.) **Use it with:** a computer hacker · hack into

Hackers stole the personal details of a million customers.

e-commerce n. /iː ˈkɒmɜːs/

buying and selling goods on the internet

Family: online shopping (n.) **Use it with:** the growth of e-commerce

E-commerce has hurt many small high-street shops.

data protection phrase /ˈdeɪtə prəˈtekʃn/

laws and actions that keep personal information safe

Use it with: data protection laws

Companies must follow strict **data protection** rules.

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user-friendly adj. /ˈjuːzə ˈfrendli/

easy for people to use

Use it with: a user-friendly design

The new app is very **user-friendly**.

obsolete adj. /ˈɒbsəliːt/

no longer used because something newer exists

Use it with: become obsolete · obsolete technology

Video tapes became **obsolete** when DVDs arrived.

algorithm n. /ˈælgərɪðəm/

a set of rules a computer follows to solve a problem or make a choice

Family: algorithmic (adj.) **Use it with:** a search algorithm

Video apps use **algorithms** to choose what you watch next.

streaming n. /ˈstriːmɪŋ/

watching or listening to video or music online without downloading it

Family: stream (v.) **Use it with:** streaming services · stream a film

Music **streaming** has replaced CDs for most young people.

fake news phrase /feɪk njuːz/

false stories that look like real news

Use it with: spread fake news

Fake news spreads quickly on social media.

digital divide phrase /ˈdɪdʒɪtl dɪˈvaɪd/

the gap between people who have good internet access and those who do not

Use it with: bridge the digital divide

The pandemic showed the **digital divide** between rich and poor families.

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wearable technology phrase /ˈweərəbl tekˈnɒlədʒi/

electronic devices worn on the body, such as smart watches

Family: wearables (n.) **Use it with:** wearable devices

Wearable technology can track your heart rate.

cutting-edge adj. /ˈkʌtɪŋ edʒ/

the newest and most advanced

Use it with: cutting-edge technology · cutting-edge research

The hospital uses **cutting-edge** equipment.

online adj./adv. /ˈɒnlaɪn/

connected to or using the internet

Use it with: online learning · shop online

More people now bank **online** than in branches.

download v./n. /ˈdaʊnləʊd/

to copy files or apps from the internet onto your device

Family: upload (v./n.) **Use it with:** download an app · download speeds

You can **download** the app for free.

cybersecurity n. /ˌsaɪbəsɪˈkjʊərɪti/

protecting computers and networks from attacks

Family: cyberattack (n.) **Use it with:** improve cybersecurity

Banks spend billions on **cybersecurity**.

password n. /ˈpæswɜːd/

a secret word or set of letters and numbers that lets you use a system

Use it with: a strong password · change your password

Use a different **password** for every account.

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dependence on technology phrase /dɪˈpendəns ɒn tekˈnɒlədʒi/

needing technology so much that you cannot manage without it

Family: dependent (adj.) **Use it with:** growing dependence on technology

Our **dependence on technology** makes power cuts very disruptive.