

WEBSITES

What is your favorite website? Which of these pictures are websites?

Computer



Google



Wi - Fi



Yahoo! Messenger



DEFINITION

A **website** is a place on the Internet where information is available about a particular subject, organization, etc. There are several different types of websites. Some popular ones are Google, Yahoo!, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Amazon, etc.

LANGUAGE POINTS

Verbs we can use with websites:

visit – to go to a site ; to use a website

Example: I rarely visit Myspace these days. It has become an unpopular site.

update – to post something new on a social networking site, or to a change profile picture, etc.

Example: She updates her status on Facebook from time to time.

upload - to send files, pictures or programs on a website

Example: It takes time to upload files, pictures or programs if the Internet connection is very slow.

look up – to find pieces of information on a website

Example: I don't know what it looks like so I need to look it up on the Internet.

browse – to look at websites on the Internet

Example: Mobile phones nowadays can let users browse the Web.

PRACTICE 1

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb.

1. I sometimes _____ Amazon to purchase some books.
2. Have you tried to _____ your Facebook account?
3. Matt is a music enthusiast. He always _____ new videos on YouTube.
4. I _____ an online thesaurus to find out the synonym of the word.
5. I've nothing better to do today than to _____ the Internet.

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VOCABULARY

Types of Websites:

personal website - helps you make your own website for free

social network - allows you to interact with friends

photo-sharing website - allows you to share photos. (Flickr.com, Photosite.com, and Google's Picasa)

informational website - gives you information about something (wikipedia.org)

weblog - allows you to write articles or blogs

e-commerce website - allows you to buy or sell

search engine - allows you to search what you are looking for. (Google.com)

PRACTICE 2

What type of websites are these?



PRACTICE 3

Choose the correct answer.

1. Can you suggest an excellent title for a _____? I'd like to make one for myself.
a. social network b. search engine c. personal website
2. I need to finish my homework by Monday. Can you suggest an _____ website for it?
a. social network b. e-commerce c. informational
3. You can find lots of good items for sale at an _____ website.
a. informational b. e-commerce c. search engines
4. Facebook is getting boring. I guess I need to switch to another social network.
a. social network b. photo sharing c. search engines
5. Rina is really a good blogger, I should tell her about some _____ on the net.
a. weblog b. photo sharing c. search engines

SPEAKING

What website has less importance? Why?