

Important words¹

Access (to the Internet and technology)	The opportunity to use digital technology, connect to the Internet and interact with the digital content available on the World Wide Web (WWW).
ADSL	A technology to send data around the Internet through a cable.
Apps	Software you can download that lets you do something on your smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer.
Blog	A bit like an online diary – someone regularly writes about something and uploads (posts) it onto the Internet.
Browser	Software that allows you to open websites, including search engines.
Bytes	A measurement of data.
Computer	A word usually used to describe a computer that is too large and heavy to move around.
Content	Music, images, videos and information.
Data	The codes that turn content into a format that allow you to share this content on the Internet.
Digital	Technology that changes content into data so you can use it on a digital device.
Digital device	A tool that allows you to access the Internet and engage with content.
Download	The process of copying content on the Internet ‘down’ onto your digital device.
eBooks	A digital version of a book you can read on your digital device.
Email	An electronic letter that is created on a digital device and sent via the Internet to another digital device.
GiFs	Very short videos that repeat.
Hardware	Hardware is the technology you can touch and feel.
Infographic	Information, especially numbers and statistics, presented as a picture.
Internet	A global collection of public networks that are linked to each other to allow content to be accessed and shared.
Keyboard	A panel of keys that operate a computer.
Keywords	The words that tell a search engine what to look for.
Laptops	A small computer that you control using the attached keyboard and you can take with you wherever you go.
Meme	Amusing videos and pictures that sometimes go viral.

¹ Some of the definitions take from Microsoft Digital Lifestyles Course. Available on Alison courses online:

<https://alison.com/course/microsoft-digital-literacy-digital-lifestyles>

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/digitalliteracy>

Memory sticks and cards	A device used to store digital content on.
Modem	A device that sends Internet data to your device, either through a cable or via a WiFi signal.
Monitor	A screen that displays the information coming from a computer.
Mouse	A device that moves a cursor around a screen on a computer.
Online	You are 'online' when you are connected to the Internet.
Operating system	Your digital device needs an operating system to make everything work on it.
Passwords	A secret word or phrase with numbers and symbols that must be used to get into a digital device, an account and your files.
Podcast	A digital audio file you can listen to online or download and listen to when you want to.
Satellite	A machine that is placed in space to send digital signals back to Earth.
Screenshot	A photo of the screen on your device.
Search engine	Software that compiles all the digital content on the Internet and sends it to someone who is looking for it.
Settings	The controls available on digital devices and digital accounts to manage and control your device and data, including your privacy.
Smartphone	You can make phone calls, send text messages and email by using a smartphone.
Smartphone	A mobile phone that does many of the same things a computer can do including connect to the Internet.
Software	Software is the technology that makes the hardware work – just in the same way that your brain makes your body work.
Tablet	A small computer that you control by touching the screen and you can take with you wherever you go.
Technology	The machines and gadgets humans create to make something happen.
Upload	The process of putting content 'up' onto the Internet.
USB drive	A device used to store digital content on that connects to a computer or laptop through a USB port.
Vlog	A video version of a blog.
Voice note	An audio recording, usually on WhatsApp.
WiFi	A signal that allows a digital device to access Internet data without using a cable.
World Wide Web (WWW)	The World Wide Web is all the knowledge and content that is available on the Internet, usually accessed through a URL (web address).