

Understanding E-Jargon

Address	The individual location of a website or file on the internet (see URL).
Attachments	Files containing information which are attached to an email.
Banner advertisements	Paid for advertising space on a website.
Bookmark	The address of a website that has been added to a list of saved addresses.
Bps	An abbreviation of the term "bits per second". It represents the rate at which data is transferred between modems.
Browser	Also known as a "web browser" and is software that enables you to see the content of a website (eg Internet Explorer, Netscape).
Chat room	An internet location when you can talk live online, usually through typing.
Cookies	Files which save you the need to re-input registration details every time you visit a website.
Domain name	See URL.
Download	The process of copying a file from either the Internet or from one computer to another.
Email	An abbreviation for "electronic mail". It is a means of communication over the Internet via posting messages between computers.
ISP	An abbreviation for "internet service provider". It is a term given to any company that can connect you to the internet (e.g. freeserve, AOL).
Hypertext link	This can be an address, word or icon which when clicked on will send you to a different area of the website you are looking at, or to another website.
Modem	A device that changes digital signals to telephone signals for transmission and then back to digital signals, allowing computers to communicate over telephone lines. Modems come in various speeds, the higher the speed the faster the rate of data transfer.
Netiquette	Rules/manners for interacting politely with other online (such as not typing a message in capital letters, which is equivalent to shouting).
Newsgroups	A network of special interest groups where users can post messages.
Spam	A slang term for junk advertisements directed to your email address.
Surfing	A slang term for the process of exploring the Internet.
URL (Uniform Resource Centre)	A domain name or internet address of a site on the Internet (for example, the URL for Yahoo is http://www.yahoo.co.uk).

