

English

Statement - The internet – more than just a medium

Most of you probably have been online already.

Today the **internet** gets more and more **important** each day. The pieces of **information** posted online are increasing on a daily basis. The amount of information **grows** very fast, but the internet is more than only pieces of information.

I guess, everyone of you has already sent someone an **email** or talked (*chatted*) to somebody online.

Now, we come to the second main point about the internet: **communication** and **interactivity**.

I think, the internet is as **popular** as it is today, because everyone can **find** nearly **all** pieces of information he needs and in addition to that you can **communicate fast** and **cheap** with people all over the world.

If you have any kind of **problem**, you can find a **solution** on the internet. If you want to know anything, you'll find the answers online.

The internet is in a way **omniscient**. But **information is not all**. The I think biggest **advantage** of the internet in **comparison to any other media** is that you can discuss with **many different people all over the world** about any topic you want. **Distances are not important any more**, it's just the same whether you send an email to someone, sitting only a few metres away from you, or to someone sitting at the other end of the world.

But there is one more kind of communication many people use over the internet, I'm talking about „**chatting**”. Chatting is on one hand similar to emailing, on the other hand very different.

An Email is very fast, but not quite a **real time communication**. Chatting is just similar to talk to someone. You can react in real time, the only restrictive factor are your typing skills.

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