## THE INTERNET



## SUMMARY

Within the framework of the English lesson and on the occasion of a text in our school book, we decided with the students of the 3rd grade of Anthousa Junior High School to look into the Internet and how it has changed people's lives, given that it is considered to be the most outstanding development in the domain of communication, as well as an endless entertainment and learning tool.

As a result, we designed a questionnaire consisting of 9 questions and we interviewed 180 people of all age groups. After the collection of the questionnaires and the data classification and tabulation, we entered the data into Excel, we processed it and we based our analysis on the criteria of gender and age. Do men and women differ in the way they use the Internet? How does age affect people's choices concerning the web?

The main conclusions of our project are demonstrated in the following presentation through charts and diagrams. It has to be pointed out, though, that due to the small size of the sample, there are only some clues given for the population examined and their attitude towards the Internet. Besides, our main aim was for the students to practise their English doing something interesting, to familiarise themselves with the whole process of conducting a survey, to compare and contrast the data and to draw conclusions on a topic that is so close to their daily routine.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our project.

## HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED...

LISTENING TO
MUSIC
WATCHING
FILMS
CHATTING WITH
FRIENDS
PLAASADING OLD DAYB
NEWS

## when I was a kid




## People interviewed

180 people of all age groups were interviewed
89 boys/men
91 girls/women

## Age groups

Less than 12

- 13-18 years old
- 19-24 years old

25-34 years old
-35-44 years old
45-54 years old
55-64 years old

- More than 65 years old


## The questionnaire

The questionnaire consisted of 9 questions concerning:

- Computer possession
- Internet access
- Place of internet access
- Frequency of internet use and hours spent online
- Reasons of internet use
- Main advantages and disadvantages
- Importance of the internet in people's lives


## The analysis

## The analysis that follows is based on the following criteria:

Gender
Age

## Do you have a computer at home?

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| MALE | 86 |  |
| FEMALE | 83 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 169 | 8 |



## Do you have a computer at home? 13-18 years old



|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| MALE | 78 | 11 |
| FEMALE | 78 | 13 |
| TOTAL | 156 | 24 |

## Do you have access to the Internet?

|  | Yes |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| MALE | 78 | No |
| FEMALE | 78 | 11 |
| TOTAL |  | 13 |



## Where do you most frequently use it?

1) At home
2) At school/work/university
3) At a friend's house
4) At an internet café

## Place of internet access


$\square$ Home
$\square$ School, work, university
$\square$ At a friend's house
$\square$ At an internet café

## How often do you use the Internet?

1) Once a month or less
2) Once a week
3) Several times a week
4) Every day

## Frequency of internet use per gender



## Frequency of use per age



## How many hours do you spend online

 weekly?1) $0-3$ hours
2) 3-6 hours
3) 6-9 hours
4) 9-12 hours
5) more than 12 hours

## Hours spent online weekly per gender



## Hours spent online weekly per age



## Reasons of Internet Use

## INFORMATION



E-COMMERCE


COMMUNICATION


ONLINE
ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES


## When you access the Internet what do you usually do?

1) Play games
2) Download music, games, videos, movies
3) Download software
4) Listen to the web radio, watch web TV or listen to music
5) Use the web for school or work purposes
6) Use the web to find personal information (hobbies, etc)
7) Use the web to get information about goods or services
8) Read online newspapers or magazines
9) Read the weather forecast
10) Send or receive e-mails
11) Use chat rooms, instant messengers (MSN, Yahoo, etc)
12) Use social networks (Facebook, Twitter, etc)
13) Order or buy goods
14) Use online banking
15) Accommodation and travel related services

## Reasons of internet use per gender



## Reasons of internet use per gender

## 13-18 BOYS

Play games 86\%
Download games, music, movies 61\%

- Web TV, radio, music 57\%
- Social networks 44\%
- E-mails 41\%
- School, work 41\%
- Personal information 41\%
- Weather forecast 36\%


## 13-18 GIRLS

Play games 76\%
Social networks 66\%
Download music, games, movies 54\%
Web TV, radio, music 46\%

- E-mails 44\%

School, work 44\%

- Chat rooms 39\%
- Newspapers, magazines 37\% Personal information 34\%


## Reasons of internet use per gender



## Reasons of internet use per gender

## MALE

Download games, music, movies 62\%
Play games 61\%

- E-mails 50\%
- Web TV, radio, music 50\%
- Weather forecast 45\%
- Social networks 44\%
- Personal information 43\%
- Goods, services 33\%


## FEMALE

Play games 48\%
Social networks 45\%

- School, work 38\%
- Download music, games, movies 37\%

E-mails 37\%
Goods, services 33\%

## Reasons of internet use per age



## Main advantages



## Circle the three best things about the Internet.

1) Faster communication
2) Information resources
3) Entertainment
4) Social networking
5) Online services
6) E-commerce

## Main advantages per gender




## Main advantages

## 13-18 BOYS

- Entertainment 91\%
- Social networks 68\%
- Faster communication 57\%
- Information resources 45\%
- Online services 43\%
- E-commerce 23\%


## 13-18 GIRLS

Entertainment 68\%
Faster communication 66\%

Social networks 54\%

- Information resources 49\%
- Online services 32\%
- E-commerce 20\%


## Main advantages per gender




## Main advantages

## MALE

- Entertainment 76\%
- Faster communication

72\%

- Information resources 55\%
Social networks 44\%
Online services 40\%
E-commerce 16\%


## FEMALE

Faster communication 76\%

- Information resources

63\%
Entertainment 58\%
Online services 43\%
Social networks 35\%
E-commerce 11\%

## Main Disadvantages





You have been on-line for 1 year.
o you wish to Log Off and get a Life


NO
Remind me next year


## Circle the three worst things about the Internet.

1) Addiction
2) Wastes too much time
3) Dangerous sites
4) Too much junk mail
5) Virus attacks
6) Poor quality information
7) Theft of personal information
8) Living in virtual world
9) Expensive

## Main disadvantages per gender



## Main disadvantages per gender

## Boys 13-18

- Addiction 73\%
- Dangerous sites 50\%
- Virus attacks 36\%
- Theft of personal information 32\%
Junk mail 32\%
- Poor quality information 30\%
- Wastes time 25\%
- Living in virtual world 11\%
- Expensive 2\%


## Girls 13-18

- Addiction 61\%
- Virus attacks 51\%
- Dangerous sites 41\%
- Junk mail 39\%
- Poor quality information 34\%
- Wastes time 34\%
- Theft of personal information 32\%
- Living in virtual world 24\%
- Expensive 12\%


## Main disadvantages per gender



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## MALE

- Addiction 64\%
- Dangerous sites 44\%
- Virus attacks 44\%
- Wastes time 42\%
- Junk mail 31\%

Theft of personal information 28\%

- Poor quality information 28\%
- Living in virtual world 12\%
- Expensive 7\%


## FEMALE

- Addiction 70\%
- Virus attacks $46 \%$
- Wastes time 45\%
- Dangerous sites 34\%
- Junk mail 34\%
- Poor quality information 30\%

Theft of personal information 27\%

- Living in virtual world 17\%
- Expensive 10\%


## Overall, how important is the Internet in your life?

1) Not very important
2) Quite important
3) Very important

## How important is it?


$\square$ Not very important
$\square$ Quite important
$\square$ Very important

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