



What do you know?

Computer and Internet Vocabulary

- Keyboard:** The part of the computer with letter and number buttons that you use for typing.
- Mouse:** What you use to move the arrow around the computer screen. You can use the buttons to choose things on the screen. Can you tell why it is called a mouse?
- Cursor:** The arrow or little flashing line on your computer screen that points to things. The mouse is used to move the cursor.
- Monitor:** The computer screen where you see words, pictures and videos.
- Laptop:** A small computer that is easy to move and carry. It has the computer, monitor, mouse, and keyboard all together.
- Internet:** A world wide system of millions of computers that are connected together in a network. This is what your computer uses to visit Web sites like www.iKeepSafe.org or to chat with other kids around the world.
- Cyberspace:** The world that connects computers with the Internet. When you send an e-mail to friends it goes through cyberspace to reach them.
- Internet address:** Just like your home address, this group of letters and numbers takes your computer to a specific place on the Internet. It usually looks like www.iKeepSafe.org or <http://www.iKeepSafe.org>
- URL (Uniform Resource Locator):** This is just another way to say Internet address. The URL for the Internet Keep Safe Coalition Web site is www.iKeepSafe.org (Caps don't matter; they're just for fun.)
- Web site:** A place you visit on the Internet that has stuff to see and read. Some Web sites have fun and useful information, but some are not safe. Your parents can help you find good Web sites.
- Instant messaging:** Messages you can exchange back and forth with a friend through a special program. It's like a private chat room.
- Chat room (or chatroom):** A place to "talk by typing" to the other people in the chat room. But be careful! People are not always who they say they are in chat rooms. Never give any personal information like your name, address, phone number, or the name of your school to anyone in chat rooms.
- E-mail (electronic mail):** A letter you send through cyberspace. People love e-mail because it's almost instant and doesn't take any stamps!
- Bulletin boards or Message boards:** A place on the Internet where you can post information for other people to see, usually about a specific topic—like the one in your classroom or home. Remember, never post your personal information.
- Username:** A name that you pick to use when you're on the Internet. It identifies you without telling strangers your real name. Parents are really good at choosing usernames.
- Screen name:** Your username in a chat room. A screen name should never say who you really are or give any personal information.
- SPAM:** Junk mail sent to your e-mail box that is usually advertising something. Don't open or respond to SPAM because it can cause problems for your computer.
- Virus (computer virus):** A hidden computer program that sneaks into your computer through e-mail or the Internet. Viruses can really hurt your computer, and you can accidentally send them on to other people without even knowing it! To help keep viruses off your computer, don't open e-mail from people you don't know, and never click on a pop-up ad.
- Password:** A secret word that only you and your parents should know. You use it to check your e-mail and log into Web sites. Parents are really good at helping you remember passwords.
- Blog:** Short for Web-log. A Web site where you can post a personal journal.
- Pop-up:** An ad that pops up on your computer, trying to get you to click on it. Pop-ups are tricks—they usually offer something that sounds great but really isn't. Never click on pop-ups.