

## Chatting online



### ● Dialogue

A. Hi Dave! What's up?

B. Oh, not much. What have you been doing recently, Cathy?

A. I've been chatting online with friends.

B. Where do you go to chat?

A. I usually use yahoo messenger. What about you?

B. I've never chatted online before.

A. What??!! How is that possible? Why not?

B. Well, my computer is really old, so most software isn't compatible with my computer.

A. Do you want to come over to mine? I can show you how to use it.

B. That'd be great. How do you access the internet?

A. I have wireless broadband. It's so convenient. I love it!

B. My parents only have dial up. They're so behind the times.

A. Don't worry if you got a new laptop, you can bring to mine and use my wireless connection.

B. How long does it take to download mp3 files?

A. Not very long at all. I usually download at least 30 a day.

B. Do you ever download ant TV programs or movies?

A. Sure, I'd say that I download at least one program a day.

B. Do you think you could download some for me?

A. Sure, just let me know what you want and I can burn it onto a CD for you.

B. Let me see.. I've heard a lot about a show called friends.

A. No problem. Did you know that there are many friends forums online?

B. What's a forum?

A. It's a place you can go to online where you can chat to other people who have similar interests as you.

B. Do the friends' stars ever show up there?

A. Sometimes, people say they are the Friends stars, but you never know who you're talking to. For all I know, Jennifer Aniston is really just an old fat man.

B. Ha ha ha...

## ● Useful expressions

1. I need to change my settings.
2. I have never changed my password.
3. Do you know how to send instant messages?
4. I don't like it when people use too many emoticons.
5. I've just invited you join my friends list.



6. Conversations online are just as good as conversations in person.
7. Do you have to install something to use IM?
8. It seems that i can't receive images.

## ● Vocabularies

**Broadband** Of or relating to or being a communications network in which the bandwidth can be divided and shared by multiple simultaneous signals (as for voice or data or video)

**Example** "a broadband antenna"

**Online** Available over the Internet

**Example** "online industries"

**E-mail** a system of world-wide electronic communication in which a computer user can compose a message at one terminal that can be regenerated at the recipient's terminal when the recipient logs in

**Example** "you cannot send packages by e-mail"

## ● Phrases

To access the internet

To chat online

To download

To appear on/offline

