Podcast: The World Wide Web

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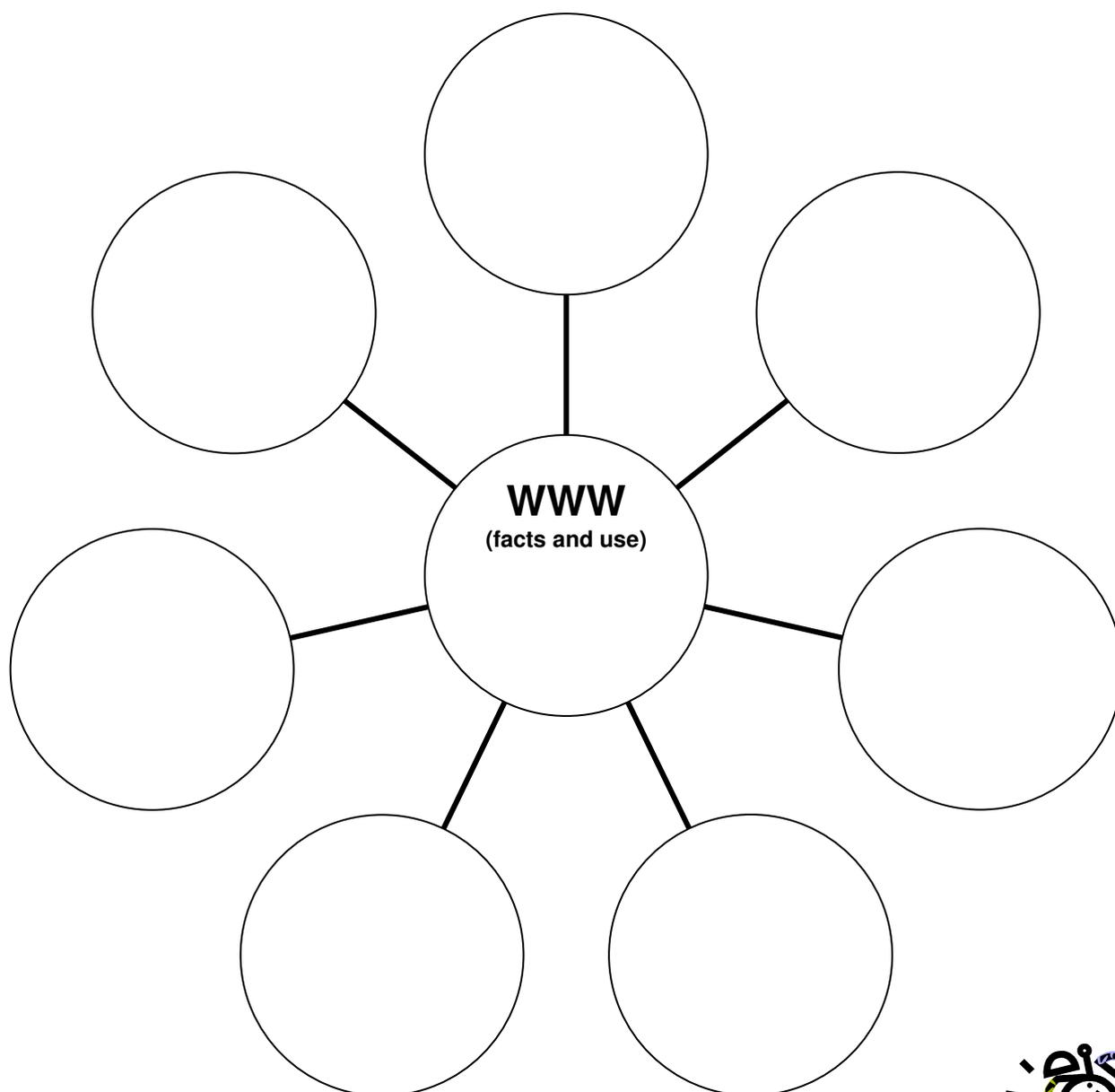
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1. What do you **know** about the **World Wide Web**? What can the **World Wide Web** be **used** for? Complete the "spider".

WWW
(facts and use)

2. On **average**, how long does someone **spend surfing the net** each day in the **UK**?

_____ minutes

3. **Match** the **words** on the left with the **explanations** on the right.

1.	anniversary	a)	an important discovery, development or achievement
2.	surfing	b)	a date that is remembered each year because something special happened
3.	a breakthrough	c)	signalled something that was going to arrive or happen in the future
4.	gratifying	d)	satisfying, pleasing
5.	heralded	e)	connections with family and friends
6.	scare stories	f)	searching, looking at, browsing information on the internet
7.	social relationships	g)	furniture that is used to keep documents or papers safe; usually found in offices
8.	file cabinets (filing cabinets)	h)	news that frightens many people unnecessarily, all or parts of which may not be true

While-listening:

Read through all of the multiple choice statements.

Then, while listening tick the right answers. Only one answer is correct.

1. Christmas Day 2010 was the
   a) 25th **anniversary** of the **WWW**.
   b) 20th **anniversary** of the **WWW**.
   c) 15th **anniversary** of the **WWW**.

2. **Yvonne** thinks on average, people in the UK spend about
   a) 57 minutes surfing the net each day.
   b) 7 minutes surfing the net each day.
   c) 27 minutes surfing the net each day.

3. The **person** being responsible for the **internet** becoming **publicized** is
   a) Sir Lee Johnson
   b) Sir Tim Berners-Lee
   c) Sir Bernhard Timsley

4. His **nickname** was
   a) "the Father of the Web".
   b) "the hero of the Web".
   c) "the superman of the Web".

5. As a computer scientist and a computer programmer he **worked on**
   a) the Google web page in his spare time.
   b) the first blog in his spare time, which he started in August 1991.
   c) the first web page in his spare time, which went online in August 1991.

6. The address was nxoc01.cern.ch. The part '**cern**' is for
   a) the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, which is where he worked.
   b) the Central European Radio Network station, which is where he worked.
   c) the Educational Centre for Rational Numbers, which is where he worked.

7. The acronym **HTML** stands for
   a) Hyper Text Model Language
   b) Hyper Text Mark up Language
   c) Hyper Text Modelling Log

8. In the podcast three people where asked how they would **cope without** the **WWW**. The main **concerns** they had were
   a) the central heating system, social relationships, i.e. keeping in contact with people far away, bigger file cabinets for documents, letters etc.
   b) the traffic problem, crowded book and music stores, higher prices for "snail mail" postage
   c) time needed for communication via "snail mail" and for buying books, booking flights etc.

Read through all of the multiple choice statements.

Then, while listening tick the right answers. Only one answer is correct.

9. What's the correct answer at the end of the podcast? **On average**, people in the **UK spend** about
   a) 57 minutes **surfing the net** each day.
   b) 7 minutes **surfing the net** each day.
   c) 27 minutes **surfing the net** each day.

10. Was **Yvonne right** at the beginning of the podcast?
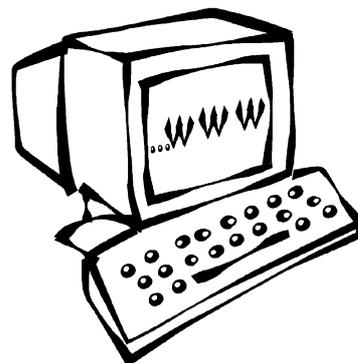   a) Yes
    b) No

Post-listening:

1. **Compare** the information in the podcast with **your answer** in the pre-listening task **number 2**. Were you right or wrong?

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2. What **do you use the WWW for**? Give reasons.

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3. Imagine suddenly nobody would have access to the WWW anymore. What are **your major concerns** about a life without the World Wide Web?

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