

# WEBSITES

## Website purpose



1. Which websites do you use in your work and study? Make a list and share it with a partner. Do you use the same sites?

2. Read this text about different types of website. Answer these questions.

### TYPES OF WEBSITE - A GUIDE FOR WEBSITE DESIGNS

The purpose of an organisational website is to inform about an idea or event. Companies develop commercial websites to sell products or services. Entertainment websites are designed to entertain or provide fun activities. People visit news websites to obtain information. The purpose of a personal website is to provide information about an individual. Social networking websites help people to exchange personal information. Educational websites aim to share knowledge and enable online learning.

1. Why do people visit organisational websites?
2. Why do people visit company websites?
3. Why do people visit entertainment websites?
4. Why do people visit news websites?

3. Complete these sentences about the purpose of websites with the words in the box.

Offer   practise   present   promote   read   sell   share

1. The purpose of Nationalgeographic.com is to ..... information on topics.
2. People visit CNN.com to .....international news.
3. Some websites want to ..... a service.
4. Companies use Amazon.com to ..... their products.
5. Thegreenshoppingguide.co.uk wants to .....environmentally friendly shopping.
6. Students visit Math.com to .....their maths.
7. English teachers join eltforum.com to .....teaching resources.

Language	
Question words (1)	
We use <b>which</b> to ask about things. We can use it with a noun.	<b>Which</b> websites do you visit/go to? <i>I use Wikipedia a lot.</i>
We use <b>what</b> to ask about things.	<b>What</b> do you use CNN for? <i>I use it to get the news.</i>
We use <b>why</b> to ask the reason for something.	<b>Why</b> do you use Wikipedia? <i>I use Wikipedia to check information.</i>
We use <b>when</b> to ask about time.	<b>When</b> do you use CNN? <i>In my lunchbreak.</i>

4. Go around the class and ask three students to name the websites they visit and use at home. Write down a website for each of the four headings 1-4 in the table.

Interviewee name	Interviewee uses these websites to:			
	1. entertain	2. get news	3. research/study	4. shop

5. Present the information you collected to the group. Which are the most popular websites for each heading?

### Listening

6. Listen to Sarah and George. Complete this dialogue.

Sarah: George, I (1) .....some information about our website.

George: OK, what do you need to (2) .....

Sarah: Well, I need some information about website (3) ....., you know, external visits to our website.

George: OK.

Sarah: (4) ..... you do a report for me?

George: Sure. (5) ..... do you need it by?

Sarah: Er, tomorrow morning, I'm (6) ..... . It's for the finance director.

George: OK, what do you need to know (7) .....

Sarah: Well, the (8) ..... of visitors to our website last month, their movements and actions on the website, and where they're from.

George: OK, I (9) ..... do that.

Sarah: Thanks very (10) ..... indeed.

7. Match the website analysis tools 1-5 to the descriptions a-e.

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 traffic           | a) information about where the visitors to your site are from |
| 2 meta tag          | b) invisible information (e.g. a hidden keyword) on a website |
| 3 visitor map       | c) information about a user and the sites they browse         |
| 4 user profile      | d) increasing the number of visitors to your site             |
| 5 page optimisation | e) the movement and actions of visitors to your site          |

Language	
<b>Question words (2)</b>	
We use <b>how much/how many</b> to ask about quantity.	<b>How many</b> people visit our website every day? About 20,000.
	<b>How many</b> hits do we get each month? About 40,000.
We use <b>where</b> to ask about places.	<b>Where</b> are the visitors from? From Asia and the US.
	<b>Where</b> do they go on our website? To 'News'.
We can use <b>how</b> + adjective/adverb to ask about degree.	<b>How often</b> do people visit our website? At least once a day.

## Website development

### Language

#### Describing steps in a process

We use <b>first, next, then, after that</b> (etc.) to describe the order of actions.	<b>First, do...</b>	<b>To start, do ....</b>
	<b>After that,....</b>	<b>Next,....</b>
	<b>Then, ... .</b>	
	<b>Secondly,....</b>	<b>Thirdly, ....</b>
	<b>Finally,....</b>	<b>To finish,....</b>

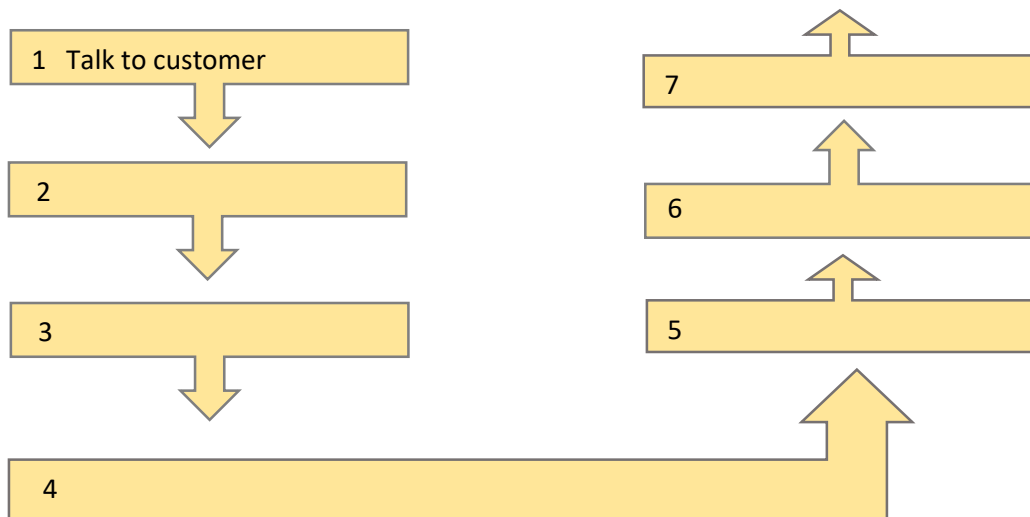
**Reading 2.** Complete this text with the words in the box.

After that      Finally      First      Next      Secondly      Then      Thirdly

#### **The steps in website development**

(i) ....., discuss with the customer their requirements and the target audience. Find out what features and number of pages they want on their site. (2) ....., analyse the information from the customer . (3) ....., create a website specification. (4) ..... design and develop the website. (5)..... , assign a specialist to write the website content. (6) ..... give the project to programmers for HTML coding. (7) ....., test the website. After you publish the website, update and maintain it on an ongoing basis. Monitor customer use.

3. Work in pairs. Complete the flowchart to show the website development process.



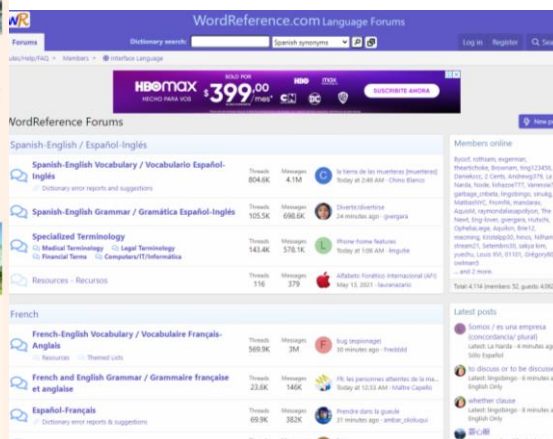
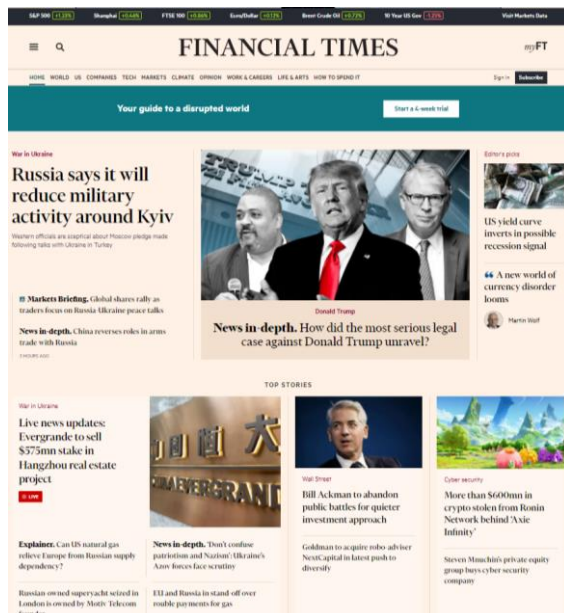
**Speaking**

4. Describe the website development process to another pair in your own words.

**Reading**

5. Look at the websites below and answer these questions.

1. What are the websites?
2. Do you use these websites? Why/Why not?
3. What is the purpose of each website: sell, inform, share, educate?
4. What are the main features of each website?
5. Think of two more websites that have the same purpose. Are they different to the ones below? Why?



**Writing**

6. You are the owner of a company that needs a new website. Make a list of things that you need/would like for your website. Answer the following questions.

- What is the name of your company?
- What is the business type?
- What is the purpose of your website?

## Speaking

7. Work in pairs. Student A is the website developer. Student B is the customer. Ask and answer questions about website requirements. Swap roles.

Example: A: What is the name of your company?

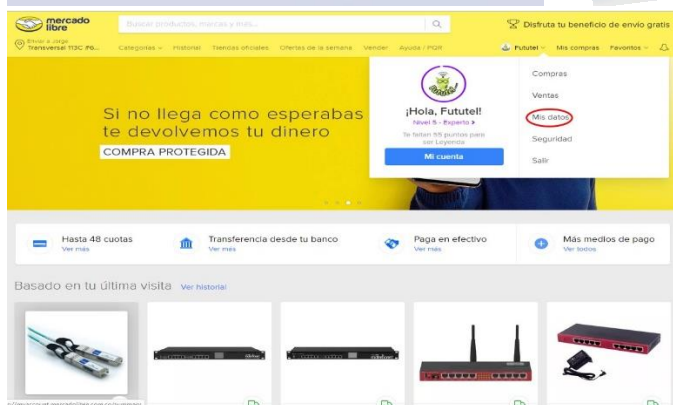
B: It's called/Its name is ... .

# The best websites

## Vocabulary

What are your favourite websites? Why? Use the words in the box to describe them.

beautiful      well-designed      easy-to-use/navigate      clear      reliable  
 useful      informative      fun      funny      exciting      interesting



## Language

Describing things

<b>There's/There is/There isn't</b>	<b>There's</b> a lot of information on this website.
<b>There are/aren't</b>	<b>There aren't</b> many photos on this website.
<b>Has</b>	The website <b>has</b> good graphics.
<b>Have</b>	Most websites <b>have</b> a lot of features.

## Writing

2. Write about the things you like and dislike about different websites.

*Example:* I really like the look of the TodoJujuy website. It has ....

# Business matters

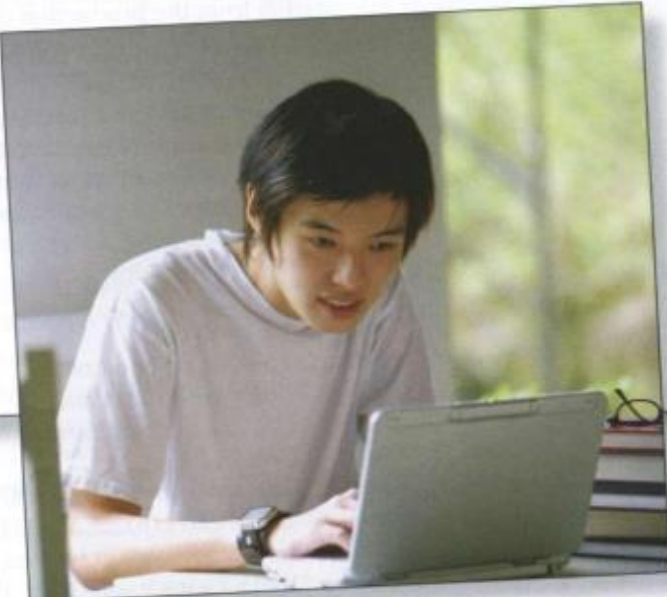
## Reading

1. You are a website designer. Read the information about Learning Now Ltd. Answer these questions.

- What is the business type?
- What is the purpose of the website: sell, inform, share, educate?
- Who are the website users? Where are the website users?
- What are the features of the website?

### Learning Now Ltd

*Learning Now Ltd* is in the education business. It needs a new website to promote its courses, materials and learning resources and provide online language-learning services. The website users are young adults all around the world. The website needs to have these features: good interactivity, audio and fast download times.



## Writing

2. In pairs, write a proposal for Learning Now Ltd's website. Use your answers from 1 and the template below to help you.

Proposal No. 2011/32154	Date:
Customer:	Business activity:
Subject:	
Purpose:	
Users:	
Features:	
Proposal presented by:	