Technology

Devices and what we do with them, staying safe online, and the words of data, evidence and the digital age, from A1 to C2.

A1–C2 · English Vocabulary, Lesson 33

charge your phone · log in · pull the plug

Devices *A1–A2*

mobile phone	laptop
computer	tablet
keyboard	mouse
printer	camera
headphones	screen
battery	charger
television	speaker

one mouse, two mice · a pair of headphones

On the screen *A1–A2*

app	message
email	website
password	link
photo	video
game	button
the internet	Wi-Fi
switch on	download

switch on / switch off a phone (not open / close)

Staying safe online *B1–B2*

Dangers: a scam, phishing, a fake link, a suspicious message, fraud, a virus

Protection: a strong password, two-step verification, an update, a backup, antivirus software

Phrasal verbs: log in / out, sign up, set up, back up, shut down, scroll down, fall for

Online: browse, upload, download, share, post, delete, install

Inventions: invent, an inventor, an invention, design, a proposal, a breakthrough

*Don't **fall for** it: that link is **fake**. **Back up** your photos and turn on **two-step verification**.*

back up (verb) · a backup (noun)

Register and evidence *C1–C2*

Systems: algorithm, encryption, end-to-end encrypted, a black box, opaque, to infer

Data: data protection, personal data, consent, a data breach, the right to erasure

Change: obsolete, obsolescence, planned obsolescence, the right to repair, a legacy system

Evidence: correlation, causation, a confounding factor, effect size, replicate

Metaphors: pull the plug, on the same wavelength, push someone's buttons, recharge your batteries, on autopilot

*The study shows a **correlation**, not **causation**, and the **effect size** is small.*

ob-so-LETE · ob-so-LES-cence

Everyday phrases

- *My battery's nearly dead.*
- *Can I borrow your charger?*
- *What's the Wi-Fi password?*
- *Send me the link, please.*

Common mistakes

- ~~open the TV~~ → **switch on** the TV
- ~~two mouses~~ → two **mice** (usually)
- ~~sensible data~~ → **sensitive** data
- ~~the IA~~ → **AI** · *actually* = in fact

Words with a past

- **mouse**: small, with a cable for a tail
- **laptop**: modelled on *desktop* (1980s)
- **browse**: animals eating young shoots
- **byte**: *bite*, respelt · **cursor**: Latin, a runner

My new words

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