



Getting online more cheaply



EasyRead version



To go **online**, you will need a **device** and a way to connect to the internet.

Going online means using a device to look at the internet, send emails or talk to other people.



A device is a computer, a laptop, a tablet or a mobile phone.



A device and an internet connection cost money and you may need to check if you have enough money to pay for them.



The internet is usually a cost each month but see more below.



You can find help with money at:

- tinyurl.com/mencap-money-and-benefits



If you have Down's Syndrome, look at this:

- tinyurl.com/downs-syndrome-money



Help with finding money to buy a device and connect to the internet

If you do not have much money you can ask for money to help buy equipment from the Family Fund:

- www.familyfund.org.uk/digital



or Disability Grants:

- tinyurl.com/technology-grants



Get a device

If you do not have a computer, tablet or mobile phone, you will need to borrow or buy one.

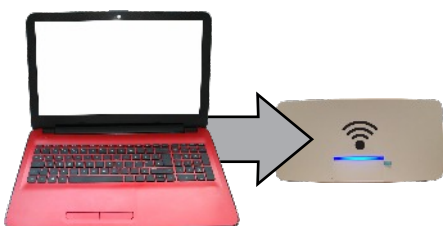


You can ask people you know if they have a device they are not using anymore.



You can buy a cheap device. Here is some information:

- Getonlineathome.org/



Connect to the internet

Once you have a device, you will need to connect to the internet.



Here is an Easy Read guide to going online:

- tinyurl.com/easyread-get-online

Free internet



Some libraries and coffee shops give people free access to the internet. This is called public **wifi**.

Wifi is a way to connect to the internet.



The library or shop will give users a password to go online for free.



Free wifi is not always secure so you should not use it for banking or buying things online.

Internet you pay for



If you are not able to find a place with free wifi, you will need to buy a **broadband** connection, or package.

Broadband is the way your device can connect to the internet at home.



Here is some information about choosing the best broadband package for people with not much money.

- tinyurl.com/DU-best-broadband



Here is a place that offers cheap broadband:

- tinyurl.com/bt-basic-broadband



Here is some more information in EasyRead:

- tinyurl.com/being-online-can-help
- tinyurl.com/staying-safe-online-guide
- tinyurl.com/learning-to-use-computers

What the words mean

Broadband: the way your device can connect to the internet at home.

Device: a laptop, a tablet or a mobile phone.

Online: using a computer or a mobile phone to look at the internet, send emails or talk to other people.

Wifi: a way to connect to the internet. May be free in libraries and some shops.



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