**UNIT 17**

**INTERNET**

The Internet is a huge network of computers spanning this planet and is now started to bring in the surrounding area like space. Some computers like servers share data, others just surf the web as clients downloading the data. Public Internet began in the late 70's. In the 70’s web users used an interface called telnet, but now that program is mainly obsolete. Telnet is most widely deployed in accessing college email accounts.

The Internet is very helpful, because it's a huge database of knowledge, from the pictures of family trips to an analysis of quantum mechanics. Everyone should have the Internet because of its near instantaneous communication and huge wealth of knowledge. But how to go on the Internet and do a search for information we need. There are two ways to do it.

The first is when you know an internet address of data you need and the second one is when you try to find information you need by using a search program. In the beginning we have got to enter any browser you like. It could be an Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator or Opera, etc. If we have a broadband connection, we connect to the Internet at once. If not, we have to set up and connect to our dial-up service. Finally, if we want to find some information in the Internet, we are to type an address of this data in the browser we use or simply use the existing search-programs such as the google search program, rambler search program, yandex search program or yahoo search program.

They are very simple and popular networks of sites. In these programs we can just type the word or name of thing, we would like to find and then press enter. A search program solves this problem. We get our results in the same window. After we get our results, we simply choose whatever site best matches our query or keep searching.

Besides data, one can get from the Internet, we can also send and receive e-mail or electronic mail. This internet service is cheaper than ordinary mail and much quicker. It is becoming popular day by day. We can get some news from the Internet, because there are many informational servers in the web.

**1. Find English equivalents in the text:**

1. огромная сеть компьютеров,
2. обмениваются данными,
3. заняться поиском нужной нам информации,
4. использовать существующие поисковые программы,
5. популярные сети сайтов,
6. соответствует нашему запросу,
7. мы также можем отправлять и получать электронную почту.

**2. Fill in the gaps with the following words:**

***explorer, e-mail, network, cheaper, knowledge.***

1. The Internet is a huge … of computers spanning this planet.

2. In the beginning we have got to enter any browser you like. It could be an Internet … , Netscape Navigator or Opera, etc.

3. The Internet is very helpful, because it's a huge database of … , from the pictures of family trips to an analysis of quantum mechanics.

4. Besides data, one can get from the Internet, we can also send and receive … or electronic mail.

5. This internet service is … than ordinary mail and much quicker.

**3. Write a short summary of the text (15-20 sentences).**

1. Write a short opinion on the problem of how the internet influences modern life.