

Connecting to Internet

- It's possible to connect to the internet via a range of devices these days — though desktop and laptop computers, mobile phones and tablets are the most common.
- However, everyday items such as watches, even central heating systems and refrigerators, are now capable of using the internet.
- In order for any device to actually get online though, requires signing up for a specialised service for accessing the internet.
- These internet access services are generally of two types: internet fixed to a specific location and provided by internet service providers, or mobile internet that can be used out and about, which are provided by mobile phone networks.
- People use one or the other (or both) types of internet access — fixed or mobile — depending on the device they're using, their immediate environment and budgets.

The two ingredients for connecting to the internet

Connecting to the internet requires two key ingredients:

- A device capable of connecting to the internet.
- Access to an internet service that will allow that device to get connected.

Basically, there are many types of both of the above things.

In other words, it's possible to connect to the internet on an ever-increasing range of devices. Plus, there's also quite a few different types of services that allow these devices to get online.

People's choice over the various devices and means of getting online varies according to many factors, including lifestyle (whether they're at home or out and about), how frequently they need to access the internet (everyday for a number of hours or just occasional use), the types of things they want to use the internet to do (catch up with email or download and watch films and Tevelison shows), and budget (internet access companies usually charge to use their services).