

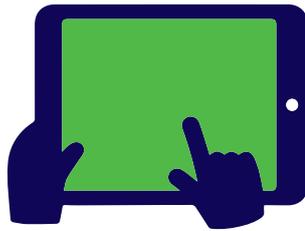
Types of devices to access the internet

The word computer can cover a number of different 'devices'. You don't need to be an expert to use one but you do need to use a device in order to access the internet.

Devices that you can use to access the internet include:



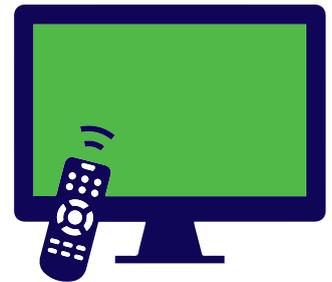
Desktop PC's
also known as personal computers



'Tablets'
which include iPad's and Kindle



Smartphone
for example an Android phone or an Apple iPhone



Smart TV
where a given device is connected to a TV

Devices can be used to read and send emails, browse the web, make video calls, read magazines, buy shopping and even online banking.

If you are helping someone access the internet here are a few tips

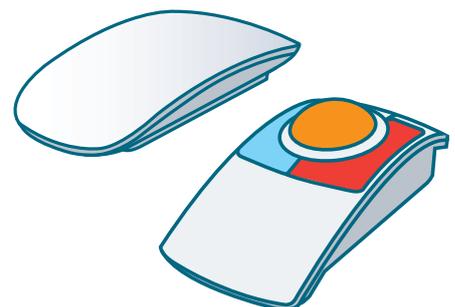
1. Find out what they want to achieve – this may help in working out what device is best to use.
2. Think about people's eyesight and dexterity – can they use a mousepad or will a smartphone screen be too small?

If you are going to use a device, make sure it's the best fit for you. Things to think about....

- Size and weight of the device – a large screen can be very helpful but bigger means heavier.
- Tablets are lighter and more portable but using a keyboard will need extra hardware
- Would using a touchscreen be easier than using a keyboard or vice versa?
- Are you more confident using a particular type of device?

Equipment to help me access the internet?

It might be that a standard mouse or keyboard isn't suitable for you. This may be the case if you struggle with arthritis or coordination in general. You could consider using a 'Trackball' mouse which is designed for easier use or a keyboard with larger text and buttons – there are lots of different options to best suit your needs.



Checklist ✓ X

Follow our simple Do and Don't checklist

Do

- *Ask for help or support when using the internet if you are not confident*
- *Think about accessibility. Size of screen, keyboard or touchscreen are important to consider*
- *Have a go, don't be shy or worried you will break something*
- *A bit of research before using a device*

Don't

- *Worry if you don't get it right first time, keep trying!*
- *Think you are on your own – there are lots of people using the internet for the first time, you are not alone*