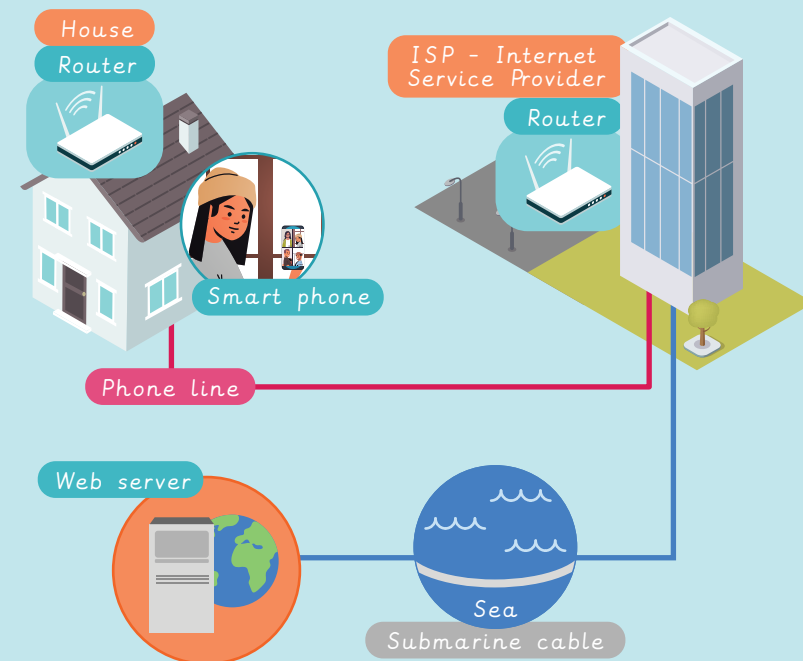


Networks and the internet

Device	Equipment created for a certain purpose or job.
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line. An internet connection for rural areas, where wired services are not available. It uses communication satellites to send and receive data and is a slower internet connection than wired connections.
File	An item on a computer that can keep data in various forms such as images, music and documents.
Internet	A worldwide network, enabling tens of millions of computers around the globe to share vast amounts of information, and communicate with other online users across the globe.
Network	When more than one electronic device is connected in a network through the internet or a local connection in order to share files and information.
Network map	A diagram that shows what type of and how many devices are on a network. It also shows how they are connected to each other.
Network switch	A device that deals with the movement of network information.
Router	The main device responsible for providing internet access to a network, and can be connected to through a wired connection or WiFi.
Server	A computer or computer program that provides data and information to other computing devices.
Submarine cables	Cables that run under the sea to allow information to be accessed and (shared around the world or across continents.)
The Cloud	Refers to data and files that are stored and accessed on servers via the internet.
WiFi	When you have, or can connect to a network that is wireless.
Wired	An electronic device is considered 'wired' when it is connected to the network through cables.
Wireless	An electronic device is considered 'wireless' when it is connected to the network through signals.
Wireless access point	A device that enables other electronic items to connect wirelessly to the internet.

Key facts

Network map:



The internet can be used for:

A person is shown from behind, sitting at a desk and using a laptop. The laptop screen displays a video conference with four participants. To the right of the person is a list of uses for the internet.

- Communicating (email, video call, voice call etc.)
- File sharing
- Websites
- Uploading and downloading files
- Streaming media (videos, music etc.)
- Playing online games