**Browser, to browse** - A browser is a program like Firefox or Internet Explorer. You use it to view or browse the Internet

**Data** - usually means the information (text, pictures, audio etc) that you create or share on a computer, as opposed to the programs that manipulate the data.

**Ebook** - an electronic book that can be downloaded and read on a computer or other device.

**Electronic mail (email, e-mail)** - Messages sent from one computer to another. You can see email on the screen or print it out.

**File** - a specific computer record; it could contain data such as text (eg essay.doc), or a program such as paint.exe.

**Font** - A particular sort of lettering (on the screen or on paper). Arial is a font. Times New Roman is another.

**Hotspot** - an area that has an available wireless signal for Internet access (usually public).

**Internet** - International network of computers that you connect to by telephone line. Two popular services of the Internet are the World Wide Web and electronic mail.

**Kindle** - a device for downloading and reading ebooks, developed by Amazon.com.

**Modem** - Equipment connected to a computer for sending/receiving digital information by telephone line. You may need a modem to connect to the Internet, to send electronic mail and to fax.

**Virus** - A small, unauthorized program that can damage a PC.

**Wi-Fi** - a system for communicating without wires over a computer network.

**World Wide Web, WWW, the Web** - WWW are initials that stand for World Wide Web. The Web is one of the services available on the Internet. It lets you access millions of pages through a system of links. Because it is "world-wide", it was originally called the World Wide Web or WWW.

**Social media network**: a website that connects people; allows you to share information such as photos, links, and updates

**Widget**: a small program that you can add to a webpage or desktop that offers specific information, such as twitter updates, the weather, a calendar.

**Hypertext**: a word or phrase that you can click on with your mouse; takes you to a related web page

**Download**: to take information off the Internet and store it on your computer for viewing later (opposite of “upload”)

**Bookmark**: to save a website or web page so that you can share it or find it easily another time

**Embed**: to insert something (such as a video) onto another webpage

**URL: Uniform Resource Locator** (noun): the address of a web page  
Ex: The URL of this site is http://www.englishclub.com.

**HTML: Hypertext Markup Language** (noun): tags and code used to write pages for viewing on the Internet  
Ex: Learn some basic HTML before you create your own web page.

**IM: Instant Message** (verb or noun): to chat with others who are online and logged into the same program Ex: You can IM your friends if they are on Facebook at the same time as you.

**DM: Direct Message** (verb or noun): to send a message to a person’s inbox in a network  
Ex: If you have something private to say on twitter, send a DM instead of a public tweet.

**SEO: Search Engine Optimization** (noun): tricks for getting more visitors to your web page  
Ex: Choosing strong keywords is important for SEO.