

# **Unit 4 The Internet Connects Us**

## **Lesson 23: The Internet—Good or Bad?**

## Learning Goals

**1** 单词: advantage, disadvantage, simple, coin, cause, less, aside, attack, web, steal, banking, properly

短语: far away, in seconds, Every coin has two sides, aside from, take up, be able to, open up, stay in touch

句子: (1) However, the Internet has advantages and disadvantages.

(2) And if a friend lives far away, the Internet makes it easy to stay in touch.

(3) Every coin has two sides.

## ➤ Learning Goals

- 1 (4)It may even cause them to be less social with family and friends.  
(5)**The internet can be a useful tool,but don't let it take up all of your time.**
- 2 学习并积累一些与互联网、优缺点等相关的词汇和表达；能够听懂、读懂有关互联网的文章，能够运用所学知识谈论互联网的优点和缺点。

## Free Talk

**Why are some parents worried about their kids using the Internet?**

**Does the Internet make life simpler? How?**

**·Are you using the Internet every day?**

**·Do you think it's good or bad?**

## Presentation

The Internet has changed the world. People **are able to** connect and share information **in seconds**. However, the Internet has **advantages** and disadvantages.



**Where do you want to go? With the Internet, you could meet this student. She lives in Africa.**

Some of the advantages are truly wonderful. In many ways it makes life easier and simpler. It helps us **get things done** more quickly. It opens up the world to us. And if a friend lives **far away** , the Internet makes it easy to **stay in touch**.

But every coin has two sides. Some of the disadvantages can become real problems if we don't take care. Spending too much time online **is harmful to** people's health. It may even **cause** them to be **less** social with family and friends. **Aside from** that, some people attack the web or use the Internet to **steal** others personal information, even banking information.



The Internet can be a useful tool, but don't let it **take up** all of your time. Use the Internet properly and carefully and it can make your life more colourful.

**How far do you want to go? The Internet can even take you to the South Pole!**



## New words

<b>advantage</b>	<b>n.</b> 优势; 有利条件
<b>disadvantage</b>	<b>n.</b> 缺点; 不利因素
<b>simple</b>	<b>adj.</b> 简单的; 简明的
<b>coin</b>	<b>n.</b> 硬币
<b>cause</b>	<b>v.</b> 造成; 引起
<b>less</b>	<b>adj. &amp; adv.</b> 更少/小的(地) <b>n.</b> 较少量; 较小的部分

**aside** **adv.** 除……之外；在旁边

**attack** **v.** 袭击；损害

**web** **n.** 网络；网

**steal** **v.** 偷盗；窃取

**banking** **n.** 银行业

**properly** **adv.** 正确地

**in seconds** 在很短的时间内

**far away** 遥远

**aside from** 除……之外

**take up** 占用, 占据; 开始从事; 接受(提议)

## Let's do it!

### 1. Read the lesson and fill in the table.

Good things about the Internet	Bad things about the Internet
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. It makes life easier and simpler.</li><li>2. It helps us get things done more quickly.</li><li>3. It opens up the world to us.</li><li>4. It makes it easy to stay in touch if a friend lives far away.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Spending too much time online is harmful to people's health.</li><li>2. It may even cause people to be less social with family and friends.</li><li>3. Some people attack the web or use the Internet to steal others' personal information, even banking information.</li></ol>

## Let's do it!

### 2. Listen to the dialogue and tick the correct answers.

1. What are Li Ming and Wang Mei talking about?

- Their school project.       Their homework.

2. Why does Wang Mei think the Internet is good?

- She can chat with her friends easily.  
 She can watch TV programs.

3. Li Ming thinks they should use the Internet \_\_\_\_\_.

- carefully and freely       Properly and carefully

## ➤ Language points

1. People are able to connect and share information in seconds. 人们能在很短的时间之内取得联系并分享信息。

(1) be able to do sth. 意为“能够做某事”，可用于多种时态，表示经过努力做到的事。

※ **Are animals able to think?**

动物会思考吗？

## 辨析: be able to与can

be able to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) 强调通过努力而获得的能力;</li><li>(2) 有人称、时态和数的变化;</li><li>(3) 可用于多种时态。</li></ul>
can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) 强调自身已具备的能力;</li><li>(2) 无人称和数的变化, 且只有一般现在时 (can) 和一般过去时 (could) 两种时态;</li><li>(3) can还可以表示请求和允许, 而be able to无此用法。</li></ul>



(2) **in seconds** 在很短的时间内

※ If you press the key, it will start in seconds.

如果你按下这个键，它就会在很短的时间内启动。

○ **拓展：** second 作名词，还有“秒”的意思；作序数词时意为“第一”。

※ 60 seconds make 1 minute.

60秒等于1分钟。

※ **The Yellow River is the second longest river in China.**

黄河是中国的第二长河。

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