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app	Applications, or 'apps', are computer programmes designed for a phone or other mobile device, such as a tablet computer, that give you access to a range of information and services from the internet. You can download apps onto your phone, tablet or PC from an online store such as App Store or Google Play. An app could be a game, a social networking tool or something silly! Some apps are free and some you have to pay for.
blog	A blog is a web platform that allows you to write and communicate with an audience. It is like an online diary where you can post text, video, images, audio and receive comments from readers.
cyberbullying	Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that is made possible by the use of technology e.g. making nasty comments when playing an online game with others.
digital footprint	Your digital footprint is the trail you leave behind in the online world. This could be photographs, personal information or anything that has been written by or about you.
firewall	A firewall is a tool which checks information coming into or going out of a network/computer to see if it meets pre-determined criteria. If the criteria aren't met, the information will be rejected by the firewall. Many schools have firewalls to protect pupils from inappropriate content.
privacy settings	Search engines, such as Google, and some websites, such as Facebook, have privacy settings so you can control how much of your personal information is in the public domain.
social media	Social media are internet-based tools that enable communication and sharing of user-generated content between groups of individuals. They take many different forms such as blogs, social networking (e.g. Facebook), photo sharing (e.g. Flickr) and video sharing (e.g. YouTube).
tablets	Tablets are mobile, touchscreen computers that work in a similar way to smartphones. They are slim, lightweight and portable and can be used to access the internet, download and use apps, read eBooks and many other things. A tablet has less memory than a laptop but a faster start up time. Keyboards are generally used on the screen though it is possible to add an external keyboard. Examples of tablets include the iPad, the Microsoft Surface, Blackberry Playbooks and a range of Android devices from manufacturers such as Samsung.

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