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New Names 新名称

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The internet is often described as the **World Wide Web** but how truly global is it when millions of users have no choice but to use a **Latin-based alphabet** to name websites and email addresses?

All of that is set to change following the decision taken by the internet regulator organisation to allow domain names to be in non-Latin scripts.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (Icann) announced the historic change at its board meeting in Seoul, Korea this week.

The new naming system means that websites will no longer have to include suffixes such as .com, .co.uk or .cn written in English.

Instead complete web addresses will be possible in languages such as Chinese, Arabic or Korean for the first time.

These new **Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs)** will come online next year, and may prove very popular since more than half of the 1.6 billion people who use the internet speak languages that do not use the alphabet.

The president of Icann, Rod Beckstrom, said that the new IDNs would represent the “biggest change” to the coding behind the internet since it was invented forty years ago.

He also said the move was necessary and the morally correct thing to do.

“Not only is it an issue of convenience, but it's an issue of what's right, the right to express their names in their own cultural language,” said Mr Beckstrom.

The change to the naming system is not without its critics however.

Some have said that the new approach could lead to the **ghettoisation** of the internet with some **online communities** operating only within their languages, isolated from the rest of the web.

Others have claimed that it will make **protection of intellectual property rights** even harder than it already is.

Glossary 词汇表

World Wide Web 互联网	Latin-based alphabet 拉丁文字母
internet regulator 互联网管制机构	domain names 域名
scripts 文字	board meeting 高层会议
naming system 命名系统	suffixes 后缀
Internationalised Domain Names 国际化域名	coding 编码
morally correct 道德上正确的	convenience 方便
critics 批评者/抨击者	ghettoisation 强迫集中居住
online communities 网络社团	isolated 孤立
protection 保护	intellectual property rights 知识产权

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假?请圈出正确答案。

1. Most websites are written in Latin. True / False
2. The new system will allow other languages to be used for email addresses.
True / False
3. The decision was made by a Korean website. True / False
4. The change will be a simple piece of coding. True / False
5. There are some concerns that some websites will become too isolated.
True / False

2. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. internet World The also is Web known the as Wide.

2. Most addresses Latin-based website written are using alphabet the.

3. organisation that domain system names has regulates proposed a new The.

4. than half More users of do not write alphabet with the internet English.

5. will change The be the since biggest began the internet.

6. people have Some criticised system decision to change the the naming.

3. Internet Terminology 互联网词汇

Match the phrase with its definition.

请把以下短语和相应解释配对。

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. firewall | a. a personal diary or journal published on the internet. |
| 2. bandwidth | b. a private secure network usually used by a company's employees only. |
| 3. blog | c. the amount of data that can pass through a network connection. |
| 4. intranet | d. software that protects a computer from attack by hackers. |

Now complete the following sentences using the words from above.

请用以上短语来完成下面的句子。

1. When I start work I usually check the firm's _____ to see if there are any announcements.
2. I used to write a _____ about my life but I don't have time any more.
3. I didn't install a _____ and now my computer has been attacked.
4. You need a lot of _____ to offer video downloads on your website.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the internet in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与互联网有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

q	a	d	e	d	d	o	m	a	i	n	g
l	k	a	g	f	e	d	c	g	h	j	m
d	e	t	v	w	e	b	n	y	u	n	j
o	d	a	f	g	h	j	k	s	o	y	u
w	m	h	f	o	c	x	w	e	s	e	p
n	j	y	r	n	v	r	s	r	a	e	l
l	x	s	s	l	a	w	e	v	d	v	o
o	b	u	t	i	b	y	d	e	d	e	a
a	d	r	e	n	v	r	s	r	a	e	d
d	x	f	e	e	b	t	d	e	a	v	g
y	u	m	j	u	s	s	e	a	r	c	h
e	m	a	i	l	r	w	e	v	g	t	h

email	surf	domain	web	download
online	data	upload	server	search

Answers 答案

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Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

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1. The internet is also known as the World Wide Web.
2. Most website addresses are written using the Latin-based alphabet.
3. The organisation that regulates domain names has proposed a new system.
4. More than half of internet users do not write with the English alphabet.
5. The change will be the biggest since the internet began.
6. Some people have criticised the decision to change the naming system.

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2. c
3. a
4. b

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n				n				r			l
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