

UNIT 25 REVIEW TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

Reporter: When the Internet first appeared, some experts thought that people would use it to buy everything they needed and that people would never have to leave their homes to shop in stores again. Although that's not the case yet, online shopping is definitely popular. One reason that it's so popular is that it's easy to use. According to a recent survey by the American Sales Association (ASA), about 50 percent of Americans use the Internet to purchase items. Many companies now use the Internet to sell their products, and every day, many more individuals and companies make their products available online in order not to lose business. The ASA conducted this study because they wanted information about how people were using the Internet. Results show that shopping is not the only popular online activity. Forty-three percent of Americans use the Internet to email people. Thirty-five percent log on to find information. I'm at the local library now asking a few people why they're using the Internet... Excuse me, sir. Why are you using the Internet right now?

Man: To read the news. I figure, why pay for a paper when I can find the same information for free online?

Reporter: That's an interesting point. And why are you using the Internet, ma'am?

Woman: To play games. I'm always here playing games.

Reporter: And there you have it. This is Janelle Williams, Network News Radio, Washington.