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Connecting to the Internet

Once you've set up your computer, you may want to purchase home Internet access so you can send and receive email, browse the Web, stream videos, and more. You may even want to set up a home wireless network, commonly known as Wi-Fi, so you can connect multiple devices to the Internet at the same time.

Choose an Internet Service Provider (ISP):

Select a company that offers internet services, like AT&T, Comcast, or Spectrum. They'll provide the connection you need at home or work.

Set Up Your Equipment:

You'll need a modem (to bring the internet into your home) and often a router (to create Wi-Fi so multiple devices can connect). Many ISPs provide this equipment or let you use your own.

Connect Your Devices:

- For wired connections, use an Ethernet cable to connect your computer to the modem or router.
- For wireless connections, search for your Wi-Fi network on your device, select it, and enter the password provided by your ISP.

Activate Your Service:

Follow the instructions from your ISP to activate your internet. This may involve calling them or using an online setup tool.

Test Your Connection:

Open a browser or app on your device to make sure the internet is working. If it's not, double-check the equipment connections and contact your ISP for help.

Now you're ready to browse, stream, and connect!

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