What type of Internet user are you?

In the past week have you used the Internet to chat to friends, download music, do your homework or play games? Your answers to these questions can tell you what type of Internet user you are. There are four categories of Internet user: butterflies, dolphins, seals and squirrels. Read the article and discover what kind of user you are.

1) It’s 8.30 in the morning. Jessie’s already checked her Facebook page three times. She’s ‘liked’ two photos and she’s sent messages to three of her friends. And she hasn’t had her breakfast yet!

Jessie is an Internet butterfly.

Butterflies use the Internet to keep in touch with their friends on social network websites. They send messages, chat, post photos or videos and comment on their friends’ posts.

2) Simon’s playing a game online. To play the game, he enters a virtual world and creates a character who completes missions and wins points. Simon’s character has just explored a dungeon and killed two dragons!
Simon is an Internet dolphin.

Dolphins like playing games online. In online games, players often create characters and enter virtual worlds. Multiplayer games are very popular. In a multiplayer game, people from all over the world play the game at the same time.

3) Carly’s having a sleepover with two of her friends tonight. Her friends haven’t arrived yet and Carly’s getting ready. She’s already tidied her bedroom and now she’s downloading some of her favourite songs and making a playlist. Carly and her friends are going to listen to music and later they’ll probably watch a film online.

Carly is an Internet seal.

Seals use the Internet for entertainment. They listen to music and watch TV, films and videos online. They usually use their smartphones or laptops to access the Internet. They can listen to their favourite songs or watch their favourite TV shows anytime and anywhere.
4) Chris and Holly are using the Internet to do some research for their Science project. They have typed some key words into a search engine and they’re very excited because they’ve just found a great website with lots of interesting information for their project.

Chris and Holly are Internet squirrels.

Squirrels use the Internet to get information and do research. They read and watch the news online. They get information about their favourite football team, actors or singers from the Internet and they use it to help them with their schoolwork. Squirrels have to be careful about choosing the correct websites. Not all the information on the Internet is accurate!

So are you an Internet butterfly, dolphin, seal or squirrel? Or perhaps you’re a mixture of two or more categories – a squirrifly or a dolseal!