

Vocabulary Review

Lesson 1, Student Activity 4

Use these words when you write in your journal and do the homework assignment.

General Vocabulary

- **empathy:** Understanding or being sensitive to another's feelings.
- **personal information:** Information about an individual that might include address, school, age, gender, phone number, email address, etc.
- **privacy:** Freedom from unauthorized intrusion or observation.
- **reputation:** Overall character or quality as seen or judged by people in general.
- **respect:** To think highly of a person and treat him or her with consideration and kindness.
- **social contract:** Ground rules people follow to show respect for each other and set the stage for productive, positive interactions and behavior; an agreed upon code of behavior based on integrity.
- **social responsibility:** An obligation to act towards others in society in an accountable way.

Technical Terms

- **blog:** An online personal journal.
- **cell phone (or mobile phone):** A portable telephone, some of which can connect to the Internet so they can be used to visit Web sites, send e-mail or text messages, and so on.
- **device:** In relation to the Internet, a device is any piece of equipment you use to access the Internet. Devices include personal computers, cell phones, gaming consoles, and personal digital assistants (pda).
- **e-mail:** A tool for sending written messages as well as attached documents to others online.
- **instant messaging (or IM):** Exchange real time messages with someone else who is online using a program such as AIM from AOL.
- **Internet:** The network of interconnected computers that store online content and enable online interactions. When you are connected to the Internet you are said to be *online*.
- **personal digital assistant (PDA):** A handheld device that may include a phone, an address book, calculator, or word processor, and the ability to connect to the Internet to view Web sites and synchronize data with a desktop computer, and so on.
- **social networking site:** Web sites like MySpace or Facebook whose focus is on building online communities of people with similar interests. Members connect online to share

information in personal blog pages, through chat, discussion boards, or sharing photos or video.

- **text messaging** (or **text speak**): Sending short messages between cell phones.
- **virtual**: Refers to objects, activities, and locations in the online world. A virtual community is a group that gathers on a particular Web site, for example.
- **Web** (or **World Wide Web**): A set of documents hosted on the Internet that make up Web sites, Web pages, and other online content.
- **wiki**: Online content that anybody can edit. Wikipedia, for example, is an online encyclopedia created from contributions from the general public.