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## Network systems

- describe networks
- make recommendations and suggestions
- talk about the past
- talk about network range and speeds

### Types of network

**Speaking** 1 What computer networks do you use in your work or studies? What do you use the networks for? How do you access the networks?


**Listening** 2  34 Agatha is the owner of a small flower shop. Katharina is a network architect. Agatha needs some advice from Katharina about a network solution for her company. Listen and answer these questions.

- 1 What does Agatha think she should do?
- 2 What does Katharina recommend?
- 3 What does Katharina say she will do?
- 4 When does Agatha want the network to be ready?



**Reading** 3 Read Katharina's email to Agatha. Complete this email with the words in the box.

equipment   Internet   LAN   recommend  
remote   should   VPN   WAN



Dear Agatha

Following our meeting last week, please find my recommendations for your business. I think you (1) \_\_\_\_\_ set up a LAN, or Local Area Network, and a WAN, or Wide Area Network, for your needs. A (2) \_\_\_\_\_ connects devices over a small area, for example your apartment and the shop. In addition, you should connect office (3) \_\_\_\_\_, such as the printer, scanner and fax machine, to your LAN because you can then share these devices between users.

I'd recommend that we connect the LAN to a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ so you can link to the Internet and sell your products. In addition, I'd (5) \_\_\_\_\_ we set up a Virtual Private Network so that you have a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ access to your company's LAN, when you travel.

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ is a private network that uses a public network, usually the (8) \_\_\_\_\_, to connect remote sites or users together.

Let's meet on Friday to discuss these recommendations.

Best regards  
Katharina