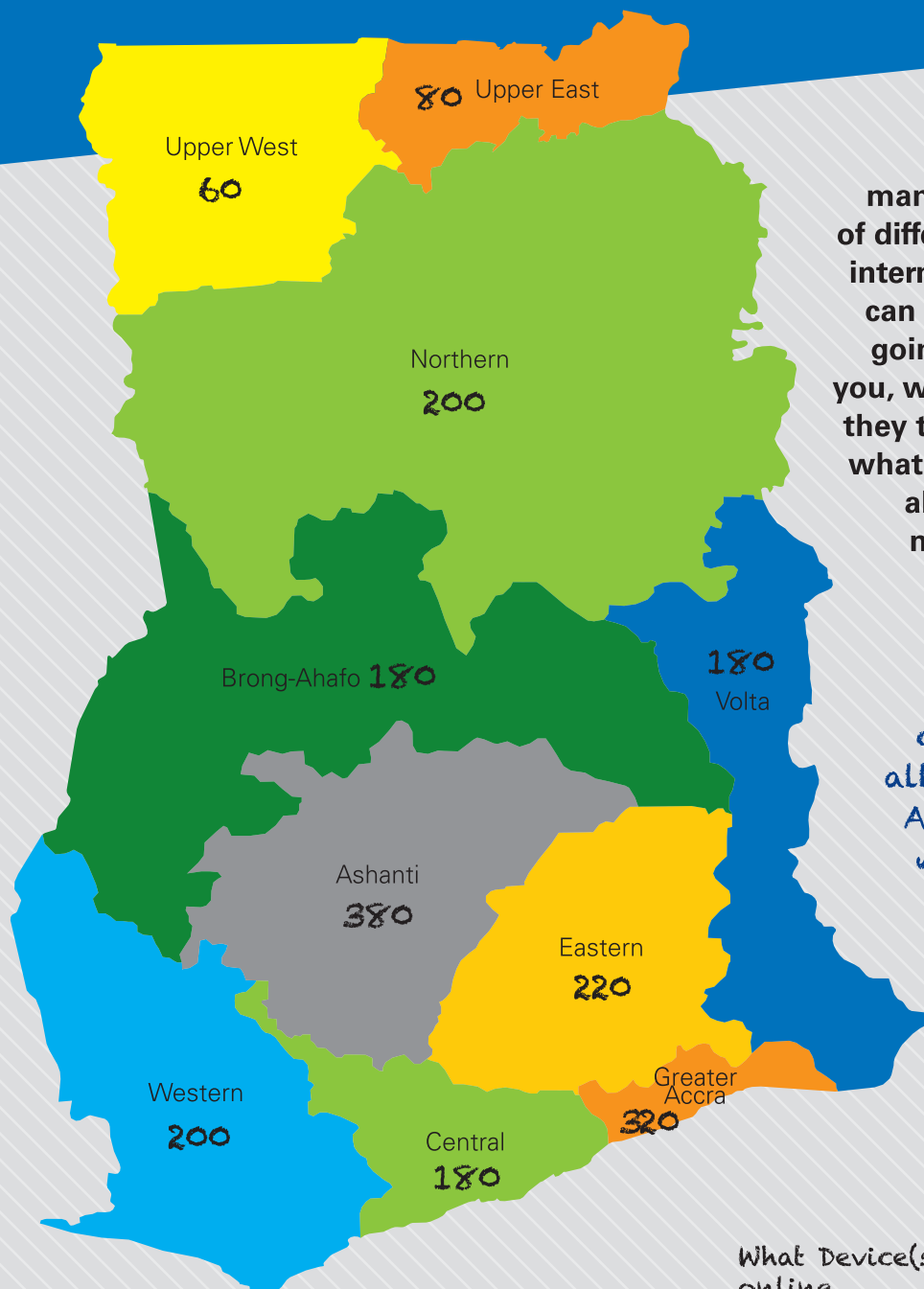


YOU AND THE INTERNET

Many children in Ghana and around the world use the internet



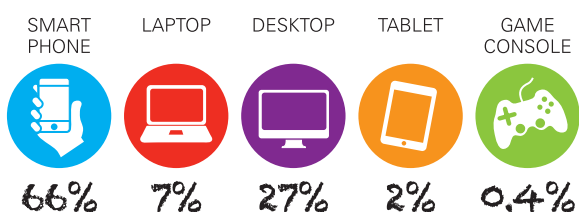
We can use the internet in many different ways and for lots of different things. Sometimes the internet is fun. Sometimes things can go wrong. To make sure that going online is fun and good for you, we asked some children what they thought. This report tells you what we found out and what you also think. Have fun and learn more about how children use the internet in Ghana.

Here is the number of children we spoke to in all the regions in Ghana. A total of 2000 children were interviewed across the country.

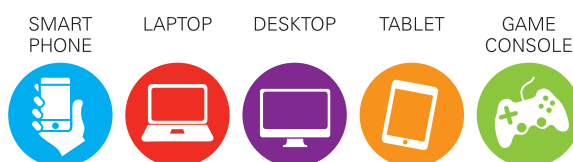
Can you mark the region you come from?

How do children access the internet?

Many children use the mobile phone to access the internet. This is how children in Ghana go online



What Device(s) do you use when you go online



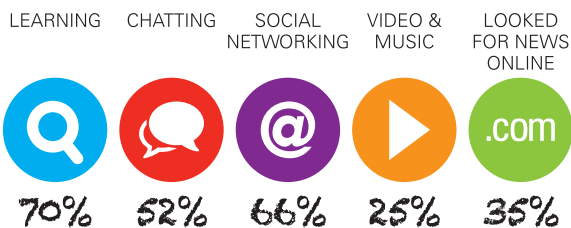
Which one do you use most and why?.....

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Things Children do online

Many children use the Internet to learn new things, have fun or communicate with others. This is what children in Ghana do the most when they go online.



What are the favourite things you do online? Describe them here, you can write or draw

How frequently do children go online or use the internet?



The bad things I don't like about the internet

Negative side of the internet

This what some children said they don't like about the internet

I was really upset when the guy sent me pornographic pictures and when I see naked pictures.
- Girl, 12 years

We use our feeding fee to go to café
- boy, 13yrs

Commenting badly on pictures because it may hurt the person - I posted a picture and someone sent a very bad comment so we argued online till we even quarreled in school
- Girl, 14 yrs

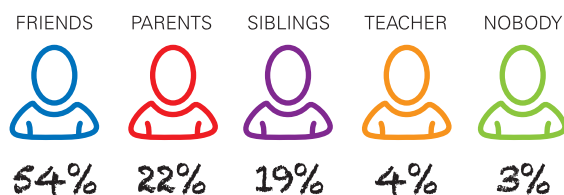
I ignore washing bowls or sweeping, going to bath. Sometimes I don't sleep when it's time to sleep
- Girl, 11yrs

I refuse attending errands... my junior brother will not go for classes.
- Boy, 16yrs

I saw a picture of a boy who was shot dead at Salla fest in Kumasi and fire outbreak in Takoradi
- Boy, 14yrs

Seeking Help

When something upsets them on the internet, many children turn to their friends or to parents, siblings and others



Who do you talk to when you need help with the internet?

Here are some tips to help you stay safe online

- Never give out your passwords, keep passwords to yourself.
- Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- Don't befriend people you don't know
- Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or guardian about people suggesting you do
- Think carefully about what you say before you post something online, it stays there forever and it can affect you in the future
- Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude
- If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.

This is a child friendly version of the child online practices research conducted in Ghana. This worksheet was made to share the results of our research with children. We hope that parents and teachers will discuss this with children so that everyone learns more about what can help children online. All our findings are available at www.globalkidsonline.net/results

Source: Risks and Opportunities Related to Child Online Practices in Ghana