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## The Broadband Challenge: Are You Ready For High-Speed Internet Access?

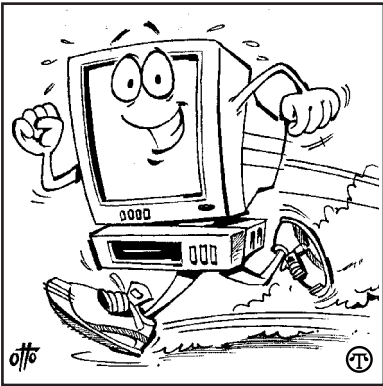
(NAPSA)—The Internet has been adopted by Americans as quickly as anything since television. Over the last few years, the Net has gone from a curiosity used by a small elite to a necessity for tens of millions of people.

The next “big thing” on the Internet is high-speed access, also called broadband. Though there are several ways to get high-speed access, the end result is the same: incredible speed and no more dialing in.

Do you really need high-speed Internet access? Take the following quiz to see if the way you use the Internet would be enhanced by a faster connection.

### True or false?

1. I have a dial-up Internet account, but I don't use it very often because it takes so long to do anything useful.
2. I'd like to send digital photos to my friends and family.
3. It's inconvenient to dial in every time I want to get online.
4. I'd like to share a single connection with all the computers in my house.
5. I hate it when friends send me e-mails with huge attachments, like pictures, games or video, because they take forever to download.
6. I'd like to use the Internet and talk on the phone at the same time.



**Many people are finding the Internet much more useful with a high-speed connection.**

7. I've tried shopping online, but it takes so long that I might as well drive over to the mall.
8. I'd use the Web more but I don't have the time to wait for pages to load.
9. I sometimes use my computer to work from home.
10. I'd like to download my favorite music and video clips from the Web, but the wait is ridiculous.

### Scoring

Add one point for each “true” answer.  
8 to 10 points—You definitely need the speed. The Internet is already a vital part of your life. A faster connection that's always on would make it much more effi-

cient and enjoyable for you to use.

4 to 7 points—Consider a turbo-charged Internet connection. You're on the brink of an Internet breakthrough. A high-speed connection would open up a whole new world of possibilities and make your Internet experience much richer.

0 to 3 points—The possibilities are just opening up. The wonders of the Internet are still new to you. As you learn about the useful and entertaining things you can do with the Internet, you should keep a high-speed connection in mind.

### Where to begin

With so many companies offering to put you in the Internet's fast lane, how do you decide? One of the best ways is to look for a stable, well-known company with a proven track record of strong customer service.

You'll also have to decide which of the three available technologies—cable, DSL or two-way satellite—are best for your individual needs. EarthLink offers all three technologies, and can give you an unbiased description of the pluses and minuses of each.

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