

Vocabulary

3 Match the words or phrases (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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| 1 ___ public cloud | 4 ___ back end |
| 2 ___ community cloud | 5 ___ elasticity |
| 3 ___ cloud computing | 6 ___ hybrid cloud |

- A a shared computer service
 B a cloud accessible to customers
 C a cloud for many kinds of groups
 D the part of a program not seen by users
 E the ability to be easily modified
 F a cloud shared by many businesses

4 Choose the sentence that uses the underlined part correctly.

- 1 A A metered fee charges only for the services used.
 B Community clouds are the least-accessible cloud type.
- 2 A If a system has scalability, it can be altered for large or small users.
 B A software program with elasticity cannot be adapted to different systems.
- 3 A People use cloud computing so they can focus on back end implementation.
 B A front end program is what users access.
- 4 A A private cloud is designed for only one group.
 B Programs in the public cloud are designed for employees of a specific company.

5 Listen and read the magazine article again. Where are cloud computing systems hosted?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between an IT employee and a co-worker. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ Cloud software must be downloaded.
 2 ___ The woman's e-mail program is on her computer.
 3 ___ The man prefers web-based e-mail.

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

- IT Employee:** Well, let's use a 1 _____ .
 You know the new e-mail service we have?
- Co-worker:** Sure. It's all 2 _____ - _____ now.
- IT Employee:** That's right. Previously, everyone had software 3 _____ on their computer.
- Co-worker:** Yes, I had to 4 _____ and download my e-mails every morning.
- IT Employee:** Exactly - but now the software is 5 _____ .
- Co-worker:** Right. I can just use my Internet browser. I don't have to 6 _____ .

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Can you help me out with ...?

How is it different from ...?

You can access your ...

Student A: You are an office employee. Talk to Student B about:

- cloud computing software
- how it differs from desktop software
- where cloud data is saved

Student B: You are an IT specialist. Explain cloud computing to your colleague.

Writing

9 Use the magazine article and the conversation from Task 8 to complete a report about cloud computing. Include: the difference between a public cloud and a private cloud, metered fees, and front end programs.