



29. Fibertime™ for the win

Recommended for Grade 7 Home Language

Pre-reading

- Discuss the importance of internet access in our day and age. Can you imagine a life without the internet?
- Do you know the difference between wireless and wired internet?
Wireless internet is also known as Wi-Fi. No cables are necessary to connect to the internet. Wired internet is when cables are necessary to connect to the internet. These days, fibre cables are superfast and effective. The fine glass or plastic cables are placed under the ground and linked together under the ocean.

During reading

Read the text 2-3 times. Try to identify the main ideas while you read.

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In a country where load-shedding interrupts many daytime activities and where data is more expensive than bread, milk and eggs, it can be difficult to navigate this technology-driven world. What do you do if you don't have regular access to the internet? This was a question that Fibertime™ sought to solve.

Kayamandi is a township in Stellenbosch in the Western Cape. In Kayamandi, internet access is often expensive, slow and unreliable. But entrepreneur Alan Knott-Craig saw a solution to this problem. Enter Fibertime™. About 6 700 homes in Kayamandi now boast superfast fibre internet – and it only costs a few rands per month! That will put a smile on your face faster than you can log in to TikTok! Because internet access should be a basic human right.

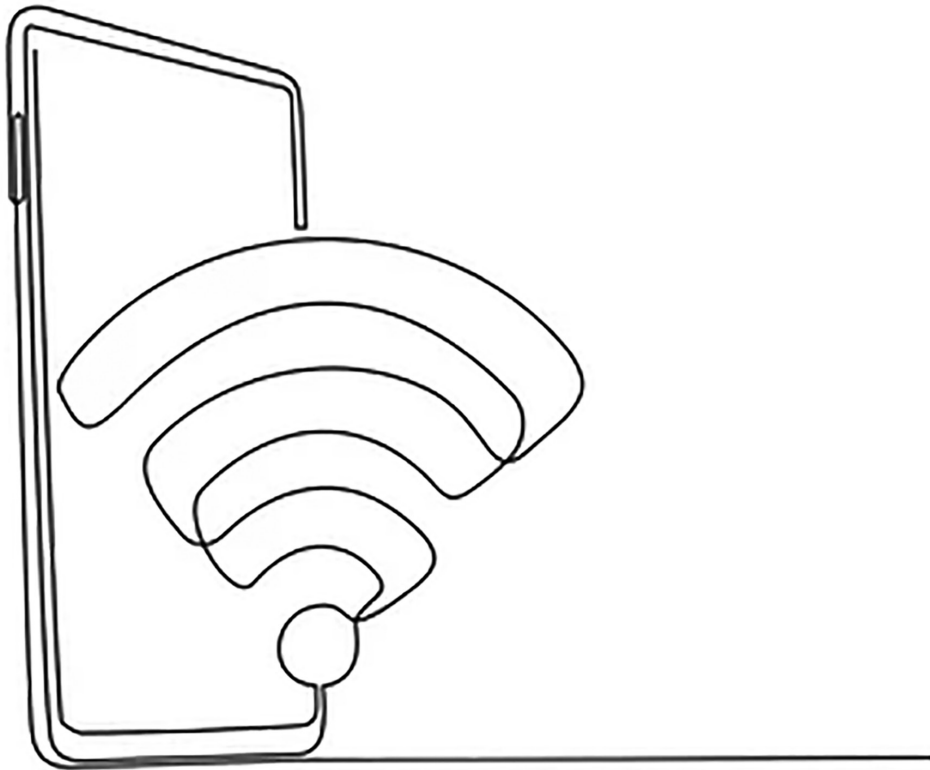
Fibertime™ offers 24-hour access to the internet for R5, or month-long unlimited access for R100. It is really that cheap! Fibre internet offers many benefits compared to wireless technology and even mobile data. In an area where people live close together, wireless internet can be slow because the network gets overwhelmed when too many people try to use the internet. Fibre internet isn't dependent on how many users are connected – it works at the same speed for one person or for a 100.

Users who want to sign up for Fibertime™ can buy a bundle on VulaCoin on a pay-as-you-go basis. Spaza shops also offer coupons for users to buy. This is a win-win for all members of the community. In 2024, Fibertime™ is on its way to townships in the Eastern Cape and North West provinces. Their goal is to equip 13 million households with cheap and reliable internet access. There are no limits to what people can do with regular internet access – job applications, more educational benefits and more entertainment. Fibertime™ for the win!

Instructions

- Summarise what Fibertime™ as a company does. Include the benefits of their service and why it matters. Make sure to include seven facts in your summary.
- Write in full sentences and use your own words. Do not quote directly from the text.
- Number your sentences 1-7.
- Use no less than 70 words and no more than 80 words.
- Plan your work first before writing the final draft.

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1. Fibertime™ provides cheap and reliable internet access.
2. Fibertime™ installed 6500 homes with fibre internet in Kayamandi in Stellenbosch.
3. Fibre internet is very fast and cheap.

4. Fibertime™ offers two data packages, one for R5 that offers 24-hour access and the other for R100 a month for unlimited access.
5. Fibertime™ works on a pay-as-you-go basis.
6. Spaza shops can sell coupons for Fibertime™.
7. Internet access should be a basic human right. (77 words)

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Sentences quoted directly from the text:

1 quote = 2 marks

2 quotes = 2 marks

3 quotes = 2 marks

4 quotes = 1 mark

5 quotes = 1 mark

6-7 quotes = 0 marks

3 marks for language expression