

DW Radio „Learning by Ear“ – Computers and the Internet – Programme 6  
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## **LBE Computers and the Internet – Programme 6**

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**Characters:** Beatrice (teenaged girl), John (teenaged boy), Computer (Computer voice), Internet (internet voice)

**Clips to be overvoiced:** Joe Kiki (male / French), Joana (female pupil / German), Salid (male pupil / German)

**Additional voices:** 1 speaker for in- and outro

### **Package 6.1**

**Music – [Full up for 0.10 then fade under Intro]**

#### **Intro:**

Hello and thank you for joining us on Deutsche Welle Radio's Learning By Ear series on Computers and the Internet. In this, the sixth part, Beatrice and John find out about e-learning. Not everyone can go to school or university so learning by the internet – or e-learning – can offer the chance for many people, both young and old, to study and gain useful qualifications simply by going online. Stay with us to find out where you can start.....

**SFX\_Dialing\_Up\_Internet [Fade under...]**

- 1. Computer:** Hello John, Hi Beatrice...
- 2. John:** Hi computer! We're hoping you can tell us about e-learning. A friend of ours can't afford to go to university but he was told he should think about studying for a degree online....
- 3. Computer:** Hold on a minute while I connect to the Internet, he/she knows more about what's available than I do...
- 3. Beatrice:** Thanks computer
- 4. Computer:** There we go, we're online now. Hi there Internet. I've got two of my friends here, Beatrice and John, I think you already met them. They want to know about e-learning.
- 5. Internet:** Hi computer, I'd be happy to help them. So e-learning is where we want to start?

**6. Beatrice:** Yes please, Internet. We don't really understand how you can do exams, study for a degree without actually physically having to go to school or university.

**7. Internet:** Well, that's how I have transformed learning and opened it up to the world. Now you can study wherever you are and whoever you are as long as you can connect to the Internet.

**8. John:** But what about teachers? Who tells you what to read, what homework to do and then who marks it all and tells you your grades?

**9. Internet:** Well, each e-learning website has trained teachers or tutors who specialise in certain subjects, just like your normal teacher. The difference is they are also highly skilled with computers and IT.

**10. Beatrice:** It sounds a bit boring doing all your lessons and homework online. And not having a teacher to talk to and bring a lesson to life.

**11. Internet:** That's where you're wrong, Beatrice. It has to be interactive a bit like chatting online and using videos as well.

**12. Beatrice:** Really? It sounds like it could be fun. Can you show us a site?

**SFX\_epals\_site**

**13. Internet:** Ok, here we go. I think this site is a good example. It's called e-pals and is like a global classroom where you can learn, chat and interact with loads of other students your age around the world.

**SFX\_typing**

**14. Beatrice:** The website says “epals is a Global Community of learners and teacher in 200 countries”. Does that mean I can discuss subjects, join in lessons with students all over the world?

**15. Internet:** Yes, that's exactly it. There's a tool on the site that translates for you. If you go to the projects and click down menu you can see some of the current topics students and teachers are discussing.

**16. John:** I can see the topics Global warming, maps and natural disasters. And there are videos to watch and podcasts to download on all of these topics.

### **SFX\_Demo\_Podcast**

**17. Beatrice:** And then we can join a debate or discussion just like e-mailing.

**18. Internet:** Another site you could have a look at especially for maths and life skills learning is [GCFlearnfree.org](http://GCFlearnfree.org).

### **SFX\_Typing**

**19. Beatrice:** Ok, I am opening the site.

### **SFX\_typing**

**20. Beatrice:** Hey, its not just about learning Maths. These life skills classes could be really helpful. Like how to apply for a job or how to bake.

**21. John:** I'm impressed with this e-learning. It's such a different way of learning than we are used to in

Africa. That's what I love about the Internet - you learn so much and so quickly.

**22. Internet:**

Don't forget there are lots of other e-learning sites as well John and Beatrice. You can always do a Google search to find others. But remember to make sure they are certified and legal...as with everything on the Internet you have to be careful. I'm sure we'll speak again soon.

**23. John & Beatrice:** Thanks Internet.

**Outro**

That's it for now. If you want to find out how you can even build school partnership programmes via the Internet then listen to the next episode of this Learning by Ear programme on Computers and the Internet which of course is also available online. Just go to: [www.dw-world.de/lbe](http://www.dw-world.de/lbe).

**Music**

**Package 6.2**

**Music**

**Intro 6.2**

Welcome back to Deutsche Welle Radio's Learning by Ear on Computers and the Internet. Just now we heard how you can educate yourself via the Internet. Apart from that, the Internet can connect students in different parts of the world and even give a platform for school partnerships. Today Beatrice visits a school in Germany which connects to students in Togo. But let's hear what Beatrice finds out:

### **SFX pupils coming into the class room, unpacking their bags**

**1. Beatrice:** I am here in the computer class room of the Agnes Miegel Secondary School in Düsseldorf, a bit city in the West of Germany. I am here to learn how these students use a chat program to communicate with their partner school in Togo in Westafrika. Each Tuesday, a group of 20 students meet here to get connected to Togo via the Internet.

### **SFX: computer being started**

**2. Beatrice:** The project is run by the teacher together with Joe Kiki, a Togolese who has lived in Germany for a number of years. He says the contact between the pupils is great fun each time the connection is being build up.

### **Clip: 6.2\_Kiki\_1 (French)**

*“It is like a big party, like you are discovering something new, like you are in heaven. It is just so nice to talk to people who are 7000 kilometres away. Me I know how it is, but still it is fun for even, even if I have done it before.”*

**3. Beatrice:** For true, a chat is not like any other way of communicating. On the one hand, it allows you to transfer news immediately, but on the other hand and above that you can also see your friend on the other side, thanks to a camera. There you have the main difference to a normal e-mail.

### **SFX: Chatting**

**4. Beatrice:** Right now, Joana is writing to her friend in Togo. Let me ask her how that works.

### **Clip: 6.2\_Joana\_1 (German)**

*“That is a friend of mine in Togo. She told me that she had a row with her boyfriend. It’s like in my life and it is interesting to see, how they work it out. (SFX typing) I just asked her how she goes about with him. Now I am waiting for her answer. – Well, she writes that he wants to do an apprenticeship and I think she doesn’t like the idea.” (SFX typing)*

**Beatrice:** Wow, it’s so easy! Joana writes and her friend answers immediately, though they are thousands of kilometres



away from each other. At the same time they can see each other. OK, here is Salid, let's see what he is doing.

**Clip: 6.2\_Salid\_1 (German)**

*“This a friend if Joana’s. I got to know him through her and now we are chatting from time to time. He says he is really happy at the moment. Since recently he can go to school. Before, they didn’t have money, but now it’s OK.” (SFX typing)*

**Beatrice:** And all that they exchanged in just a few seconds. The Internet makes a lot of things possible, says Joana.

**Clip: 6.2\_Joana\_2 (German)**

*“Chatting is like a friendship. Of course you talk about school stuff and about teachers, but also about private things, well, basically most of the time. We have a lot of similar interests.”*

**Beatrice:** So, young people in Germany and Togo have the same worries and do the same things?

**Clip: 6.2\_Salid\_2 (German)**

*“Yes, and it’s fun to show them how we live here and to see how they are living.”*

**Beatrice:** For the Togolose Joe Kiki, getting to know each other is the real aim of the school partnership project.

**Clip: 6.2\_Kiki\_2 (French)**

*“On the long term, that’s really the idea. How do you get to know people from the other side of the world? The only way of communication is the Internet. Therefore you have to do everything you can to give Chatting and the Internet a bigger importance. The world moves on and the children of today have to follow this rhythm.”*

**Beatrice:** Joe says that the biggest challenge is to motivate the parents in Togo. They think that Internet and electricity in general are too expensive and that Chatting is too complicated and not useful.

**Clip: 6.2\_Kiki\_3 (French)**

*“You think that it is difficult but if you get the chance to try it out you will see that it isn’t difficult at all. And what is the use of it? Well, it can correct a lot of wrong ideas. Like people in Togo think that Germany is like paradise and here people think that in Afrika you only have poverty.”*

**Music**

**Outro:**

And that’s it for today’s programme about the Internet and it’s use to get educated and to build partnerships worldwide. Next time we will learn more about how to use audio and video in the Internet. And don’t forget: If you

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