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A	access point	a device that allows wireless-equipped computers and other devices to communicate with a wired network
	applet	a program capable of running on any computer regardless of the operating system
	ASCII file	a file that can be opened and read by standard text editor programs (for example, Notepad or Simple Text) on almost any type of computer (=plain text file)
	attachment	a file that is sent along with an e-mail message
	authentication	the process of identifying yourself and the verification that you're who you say you are
B	backbone	a term that is often used to describe the main network connections that comprise the Internet or other major network
	bandwidth	a measurement of the amount of data that can be transmitted over a network at any given time
	binary file	a file that cannot be read by standard text editor programs like Notepad or Simple Text
	bit	a binary digit (either 0 or 1); it is the most basic unit of data that can be recognized and processed by a computer
	bluetooth	a wireless networking technology that allows users to send voice and data from one electronic device to another via radio waves
	bookmark	a shortcut you can use to get to a particular web page or to a specified location within a document (PDF)
	bounce	a term applied to an e-mail message when it is returned to you as undeliverable
	broadband connection	high-speed Internet connection
	browser	a program used to access World Wide Web pages. Examples: Firefox, Safari or Internet Explorer

