

Welcome to the Everyday Connections CD-ROM!

We at Wadsworth Publishing / Thomson Learning have worked hard to make this CD-ROM informative and enjoyable for you. If your computer system meets the minimum requirements for running the product yet you are experiencing technical problems, please contact our technology support group. You can e-mail us at support@kdc.com, call us at 800-423-0563, or fax us at 606-647-5045.

Installation Instructions

1. Insert the Everyday Connections CD into your CD-ROM drive.
2. Click on the Windows Start button and choose "Run."
3. From the ensuing "Run" dialog box, type in the drive letter of your CD-ROM drive, followed by setup.exe. For instance, if the drive letter of your CD-ROM drive is d: type in the following: d:\setup.exe
4. The Everyday Connections installer will launch. Follow the installer's prompts.

The Everyday Connections installer will, minimally, install QuickTime 4.1.2 (unless you have a more recent version of QuickTime on your computer), install an Everyday Connections CD-ROM group on your Start Button / Program Menu, and install an Everyday Connections CD-ROM shortcut icon on your desktop. **To Launch** Everyday Connections, make sure that the Everyday Connections CD-ROM is in your CD-ROM drive and double-click on the Everyday Connections CD-ROM shortcut icon on your desktop (or choose Everyday Connections CD-ROM from Start Button / Program Menu / Everyday Connections CD-ROM).

In addition to the minimal installation described in the paragraph above, the Everyday Connections installer will also offer to Windows 98 and later users the opportunity to install the Netscape Communicator 4.76 web browser.

The Netscape Browser Is Recommended

Everyday Connections is a product that runs within a web browser. Thus, a web browser must be present on your computer. Although either the Netscape Navigator/Communicator 4.x or higher web browser or the Internet Explorer 4.x or higher web browser is an acceptable browser with which to run Everyday Connections, the Netscape Navigator/Communicator browser is recommended. The primary reason for this recommendation is that the Netscape browser significantly reduces the time you will wait for each of the Speech Interactive and In Action! movies to load.

If you do not have a 4.x or higher version of the Netscape browser on your computer system and you would like to use Netscape to run Everyday Connections:

* Windows 98 and higher users can re-run the Everyday Connections installer (by re-running the setup.exe file on the Everyday Connections CD-ROM) and in doing so should choose the Communicator 4.76 option from the "Installation Options" dialog box.

* Windows 95 users can use their Internet connection to go to Netscape's download page and download a Netscape browser installer. Because the Communicator 4.76 browser causes the Everyday Connections movies to run slowly on some Windows 95 systems, it would be safest for Windows 95 users to download from Netscape the Navigator 4.08 browser installer. To do so, go to the URL http://home.netscape.com/download/sd_nb32e408en.html.

If You Experience Poor Performance of the Speech Interactive or In Action! Movies

On some configurations, the movies perform poorly (for instance, the movie action is stop-start jerky or the words being spoken don't match the lip movement of the speaker). If you are experiencing such problems, click on the Help link, go to the "If You Experience Poor Performance of the Speech Interactive or In Action! Movies" section of this Help page, and see if the "Play movies on the same window as Everyday Connections" box is checked. If so, you can improve the movie performance by changing the selected box to the "Play movies in the QuickTime Player.". Once done, re-visit a Student Speeches movie and launch it again.

Note the following if you choose the "Play movies in the QuickTime Player" setting.

* When you click on a movie link in Everyday Connections, the movie will open up in the QuickTime Player, ABOVE the Everyday Connections window. If you then click the mouse back on the Everyday Connections window, that Everyday Connections window will come to the foreground, and the movie (in the QuickTime Player) will disappear behind Everyday Connections. To move the movie (in the QuickTime Player) back to the foreground, click on the QuickTime Player icon on the Windows Task bar or use the keyboard combination Alt-Tab (pressing and holding the Alt key and then pressing and releasing the Tab key).

* If the browser you are using to run Everyday Connections is not set to accept "cookies," the "Play movies in the QuickTime Player" option will not work. If you choose "Play movies in the QuickTime Player" but then don't see the behavior described in the bullet above when you re-visit a movie, you'll need to set your browser to accept cookies (if you want the "Play movies in the QuickTime Player" option to work). **Internet Explorer 5.x** users should change their cookie acceptance to "Enable" or "Prompt" via Tools / Internet Options / Security Tab / Custom Level Button / Cookies. **Internet Explorer 4.x** should change their cookie acceptance to "Always accept cookies" or "Prompt before accepting cookies" via Tools / Internet Options / Advanced Tab / Security / Cookies. **Netscape** users should change their cookie acceptance to "Accept all cookies" or "Warn me before accepting cookies" via Edit / Preferences / Advanced.

Enjoy your Everyday Connections learning experience!