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Networks group

Pre- reading:

Installing a modem

1. What kind of text is it?
2. Where could we find it?
3. What’s the purpose of the text?
4. Based on these purposes, which words and processes do you expect to find?

Modem, short for modulator-demodulator, is an electronic device that converts a computer’s digital signals into specific frequencies to travel over telephone or television lines. At the destination, the receiving modem demodulates the frequencies back into digital data. Computers use modems with one another over a network.

You must be logged on as an administrator or a member of the Administrators group in order to install a modem.

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| 1. | Open Phone and Modem Options in Control Panel.  If you are prompted for location information, specify the dialing information for your location, and then click **OK**. |
| 2. | On the **Modems** tab, click **Add**. |
| 3. | Follow the instructions in the Install New Modem Wizard. |

**Note**

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| • | To open Phone and Modem Options, click **Start**, click **Control Panel**, and then click **Network and Internet Connections**. Under **See Also**, click **Phone and Modem Options**. |
| • | If the Install New Modem Wizard does not detect your modem, or you cannot find it listed, click **Related Topics** for instructions about installing an unsupported modem. |
| • | If you are installing an external modem, and a cable is not provided, refer to the manufacturer's instructions for cable requirements. Most common cables will work, but some cables do not have all of the pins connected. Do not use the 9-to-25 pin converters that come with most mouse hardware, because some of them do not carry modem signals. For more information, click **Related Topics**. |
|  | Don’t panic if you can’t immediately get a connection. Take a break, get some fresh air, review the instructions and start over if necessary. If that doesn’t work, call customer support. If, for some reason, you still can’t get things working yourself, don’t sweat it. Call for a service appointment. Hardware errors, line errors, software errors all happen, and sometimes there’s nothing you can do. Just considering a self-install is a big step.  Deconstructing the text   1. The first paragraph is different from the others. Why? 2. Is there a sequence of steps mentioned in the text? How is it shown? 3. What’s the purpose of the last paragraph? 4. Suppose you want to give tips for installing a modem. Choose the main ideas and write a short text about it. |
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