

Benefits of...



Skype

Skype is a free computer programme that enables people to speak to each other over the internet, through video and/or audio calls. Each caller needs Skype and a good broadband connection. You can use Skype to:

- make cheap calls to landline and mobile phones
- send instant text and video messages
- swap files and images
- hold conference calls.

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■ 1. **Face to face**

You can share a free video call with anyone who also has Skype. Talking to someone face to face is much more intimate and satisfying than over the phone. You can keep in touch with family and friends who live too far away for frequent visits.

■ 2. **Accessibility**

Skype is a great tool for people with a hearing impairment, as it allows BSL users and lip readers to have face to face conversations. There are also many translating services online that offer interpretation between Skype users. This means you can have a job interview over Skype, or speak to someone who speaks in a different language to you – the interpreter will translate what you say to each other.

■ 3. **Group chats**

If you have breaking news and want to share it with friends and family all at once, you can have a group conversation.

■ 4. **Cost**

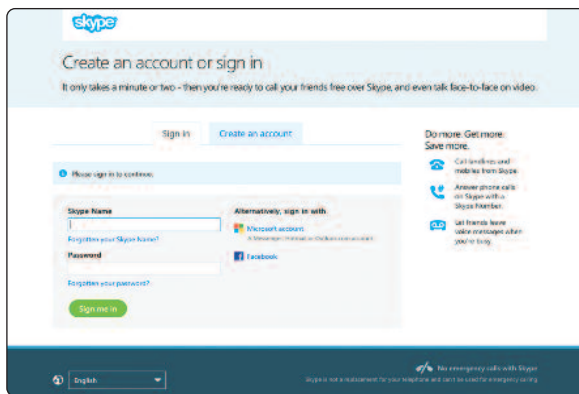
The best thing about Skype is that it comes at no additional cost. You can speak with anyone across the world for free if they also have Skype and broadband.

Get started

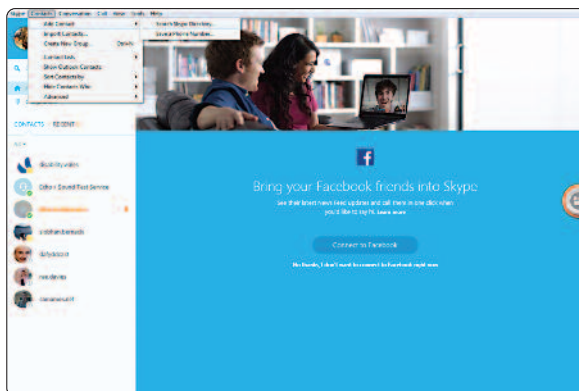
1. Download the software here www.skype.com



2. Create an account.



3. Add contacts by clicking on the contacts tab, and search the skype dictionary.



4. Select the individual to contact and chat away.