

VOCABULARY

Credit: praise or special attention that is given to someone for doing something or for making something happen.

Example: *She got no credit for solving the problem.*

To threaten: to tell someone that you will kill or hurt them or cause problems if they do not do what you want.

Example: *They threatened the boy with a gun.*

Geek: meaning.

Myriad: a very large number of things.

Mainframe: a large and very fast computer that can do many jobs at once.

*Interesting article on this topic: [The First Mainframe](#) .

Behemoth: something very big and powerful.

Packet switching: a digital networking communications method that groups all transmitted data into suitably sized blocks called packets.

Congestion: too blocked or crowded and causing difficulties.

Example: *Yesterday, there was a traffic congestion.*

Gateway: a hardware device that acts as a "gate" between two networks.

To spread: to open, arrange, or place (something) over a large area.

Example: *The fire spread very rapidly because of the strong wind.*

Steadily: not changing much.

Retail: the sale of goods in small quantities directly to customers.