


A local newspaper, *The Daily Star News*, has asked its readers to express their opinion on the following issue on their online forum.

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Today's topicPast topicsMembersEventsSearch

Technology has too much influence on our lives — agree or disagree?



Robert,
Brisbane

Posted
15/01/10
7:30 am

I strongly agree that technology has too much influence on the lives of young people. Too much time wasted on the internet has made students incapable of thinking for themselves, exposes young users to unscrupulous advertisers, and creates social problems such as obesity.


Firstly, search engines have made students lazy and incapable of finding an answer by themselves. Surfing the net leads to skimming over important details. Unlike published texts, the websites students use lack credibility and contain out-of-date and inaccurate facts. Can they tell the facts from the fiction? Do students know who the authors of these websites are?

Secondly, students are easy targets for companies trying to sell their products. Pop-up advertisements always tempt them to “click here now and win”. It can be hard to remove these annoying messages from your computer once unsuspecting young users download a program. This also increases the risk of computer viruses damaging files.

Finally, too many hours spent online makes children overweight and can lead to obesity. Too many students spend their spare time downloading music and emailing their friends instead of doing physical activity. It is much better for the body and mind to spend free time playing sport outside with others than alone in a room in front of a computer.

Parents need to wake up now before it is too late. It is time for young people to log off and think for themselves. Spend less time using technology and more time getting physically active.

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Georgia,
Emerald

Posted
15/01/10
9:13 am

I am so sick of hearing people like Robert talking about how technology is a bad influence on teenagers! Technology such as mobile phones, GPS systems and computers make our lives easier and safer.

My mobile phone keeps me safe and secure when I am out with my friends. My parents always know where I am and can contact me any time. For example, if I miss my bus from school I can always ring somebody to pick me up. I don't have to worry about how I will get home.

I always use the internet to help me with my homework. Even though I live on a property, I can easily find information without driving to the library in town. It takes much less time to find things on the internet than in the library. Our library is very small and some of the books are out of date. Using technology helps me get the latest news and information.

Our road trips are much more peaceful with a GPS system. In the past, Dad would get angry with me because I hate reading a map. We would always get lost on our fishing trips because the map was wrong. Now we have a GPS system we will never be lost again. It is so fantastic. It tells us the directions as Dad drives and is always right. As well as this, he can upload road changes from the internet into the GPS. Isn't that amazing? It makes our travel in the car more relaxing, though I still fight with my sister.

Don't listen to the negative stuff. Robert is wrong about technology. It has a good influence on our lives because it keeps us safe, helps us to stay in touch wherever we live and takes us in the right direction on a road trip. We need technology in our lives. We can't live without it.

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