How technology has changed

Read the text and then answer the questions.

People usually think technology has always been the same for my generation, but honestly, it changed really fast while I was growing up. Some things that felt normal a few years ago already seem old-fashioned now. When I was younger, I used to spend hours watching DVDs with my family. Every Friday night, we used to go to a video rental store near my house. Choosing a movie was part of the fun. My brother and I used to walk around the shop looking at the covers and reading the descriptions before deciding what to rent. Sometimes all the good movies were already rented, and we had to choose something different. It was so frustrating.

I also used to take photos with an old digital camera and sometimes with disposable cameras on school trips. We couldn't see the photos immediately like we do now. We had to wait until the pictures were developed, and sometimes half of them were blurry or too dark! My parents still keep photo albums at home, and I love looking through them. Now most of my photos stay on my phone forever, and I rarely print them.

Before streaming apps became so popular, I used to download songs one by one or listen to the radio and wait for my favorite music to play. It sounds strange now because today everything is instant. If I want a song, movie, or video, I can find it in seconds. Back then, people seemed more patient. We didn't expect everything immediately.

Gaming was different too. I used to play split-screen games with my friends sitting next to me on the couch. We spent whole afternoons arguing, laughing, and competing together. Now most games are online. It's cool because I can play with people from other countries, but sometimes it feels less personal.

Of course, modern technology is amazing in many ways. I can study online, talk to friends anytime, and learn almost anything from videos and websites. I don't think I could live without my phone now. But sometimes I miss the slower feeling of the past. People seemed more present and less distracted. Today everyone records everything, but sometimes nobody really enjoys the moment.

I think both worlds have advantages. Old technology was slower, but it made experiences feel more exciting and meaningful. Modern technology is faster and more convenient, but sometimes I think we value things less because they are always available.

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Questions

1. What did the writer use to do with their family every Friday night?

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2. What problem did the writer sometimes have at the rental store?

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3) What kinds of cameras did the writer use when they were younger?

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4) Why was taking photos different in the past?

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5) Where does the writer keep most photos now?

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6) Why does the writer say people were more patient in the past?

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7) What is one advantage of online gaming according to the writer?

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8) What are some advantages of modern technology mentioned in the text?

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9) What activities did you use to do as a child that are different now?

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10) In your opinion, are modern technologies making life better or worse for young people? Explain your ideas.

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