

Reading

I WANT IT, AND I WANT IT NOW! Why are we so impatient?

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Whatever happened to patience?

We don't like waiting for things anymore. With faster broadband, instant searches, and immediate downloads, we expect things to happen immediately, and if they don't we get impatient.

Fast food restaurants have changed the way we eat. The growth of mobile phone apps like Tinder has changed the way we meet new people. We don't need to wait a week to see the next episode of a TV series – we can download it on Netflix. We are even walking 10% faster than 20 years ago, and talking more quickly. Everything is getting faster, but is it getting better? That depends on how fast you like to live.



More than
125m
Google searches are
made every hour.



50% of users leave a web
page that doesn't load
in ten seconds. Three
out of five people don't
return to that site.



1/3 of British people expect
a 'like' on a Facebook
picture in less than a
minute after posting it.



The average
British person
is only prepared
to wait
4
minutes to
get a drink
in a bar...

...and

6

minutes for a bus.



British people's most hated
time-wasting activities are (in order):

- 1 waiting to be connected on the phone
- 2 waiting for a replacement credit card
- 3 waiting for a shopping delivery
- 4 waiting for a delayed flight
- 5 being stuck in traffic

adapted from the British press

- Read the article and answer the questions... in less than 2 minutes:

a. According to the article, how do we feel when things don't happen immediately?

b. How much faster are we walking than we used to in the past?

c. How many Google searches are made every hour?

d. How long are British people prepared to wait for a bus?

e. Which activity do they find more annoying: waiting for a replacement credit card or for a shopping delivery?

Vocabulary

Find in the text 5 words related to technology. The first letter is already given to help you. Then, match the words to the pictures.

a. B _ _ _ _ _

b. S _ _ _ _ _

c. D _ _ _ _ _

d. W _ _ p _ _ _

e. a L _ _ _ on Facebook



Finally...

Find four examples of comparatives in the text. Write them on your folder.