4.1 SMART HOMES

SOURCE TEXT - 200 WORDS

Smart homes can make life easier and more efficient. Connected appliances can reduce wasted energy, security systems can alert residents to problems, and controls can help families manage routines when they are away. Supporters argue that automation saves time and can improve safety. They believe the main issue is not whether homes should become smarter, but whether families choose useful technology and understand how to use it responsibly. For them, a well-designed system supports human decisions instead of replacing them, and regular updates, secure passwords, and manual controls can reduce many common risks.

Others worry that smart homes create unnecessary dependence and privacy risks. If many devices rely on one network, a technical failure can affect several parts of the home at once. Cameras, voice assistants, and sensors may also collect information about household habits. Critics argue that convenience is not worth losing control over personal data or becoming unable to manage ordinary tasks without technology. They prefer simpler systems with fewer connected devices, clear manual alternatives, and strict limits on what information companies can store or share. In their view, the safest home is one that remains practical even when the internet, an app, or a central system fails.

4.1 UNIVERSAL SUMMARY TEMPLATE

The text presents two different viewpoints on [topic], each showing contrasting ways of living and priorities.

On one side, [X] focuses on [values/benefits], offering benefits such as [details]. However, this lifestyle can also be limiting because of [drawbacks]. In contrast, [Y] emphasizes [values/benefits], giving people access to [details], though challenges such as [drawbacks] may also occur. Overall, both [X] and [Y] illustrate different approaches to life, each with unique advantages and difficulties.

YOUR SUMMARY

In your own words, summarise the two viewpoints presented in the source text. Make the difference between the viewpoints clear.

4.1 STUDENT SELF-CHECK RUBRIC

Task completion ____ / 5 I summarise BOTH viewpoints clearly and use my own words.	
Language use ____ / 5 My vocabulary and grammar are clear, varied and accurate.	
Organisation & clarity ____ / 5 My ideas are logical, connected and easy to follow.	

TOTAL: ____ / 15

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