

TEST 1

1 Read the text and choose a title.

a Teens, adults and communication

b Communication isn't important

c What is to communicate?

Many adults speak of the 'digital citizens' nowadays. They say that teenagers don't read books or talk with family and friends. 'Adolescents don't communicate,' so they say.

I don't agree with that. We communicate in a different way. I love reading, for example, and I usually read one or two e-books per month. So I always carry my tablet with me and chat online with friends no matter where they are. I've got friends all over the country and in other countries too. When I met these digital friends, I found out about new interesting places! And I always send messages to my mum to tell her I'm arriving early or late.

It is true that I play video games and this activity is time-consuming but in the past, I played with my toys in my bedroom for many hours. If I think of my parents, when my mum was a teenager, she didn't

phone her mother because they didn't have a phone at home. My father sent letters to his friends only once a month. I send emails every day and, sometimes, I even send two or three emails to the same friend on the same day! Now we can also use video conferences to see each other when we chat. That is great because we can actually see the feelings on our friends' faces.

Do we sometimes get addicted to our smartphones? It can be true. But parents can also ask us to put our devices aside to have a good family chat during meals. Each family set their own rules. So we can be digital citizens and also have good communication with our family and friends.

Matthew, 16

2 Read the text again and answer.

1. What do adult people say about teenagers?

2. Why does Matthew send messages to his mum?

3. What activity is time-consuming?

4. Why does Matthew think it is good to see each other when they chat?

5. What can parents ask their children to do when they are at the table?

3 Find and circle eight words. Then complete the sentences using some of them.

W E R E A D E R I U T
A A T B E Y I L W S C
P R F J C A L W E O K
P P L A H Q I Z A F B
T H E L A P T O P T A
D O D R R A Z Y E W I
U N W A G T E L B A T
P E Y D E S S O T R V
L S U H R I G E B E U
T U L K I Q E E S B L
M O B I L E P H O N E

- 1 Where is the c ? I ran out of battery.
- 2 My father always takes his l when he travels on business.
- 3 Our teacher says that the new coursebook a is now available for iPad.
- 4 I read books on my e- when I travel by underground.

4 Complete the text with the words from the box. There are three extra words.

was does did ago much searching use spend and logging very can do lots

Nowadays, technology is changing our lives. We use it in medicine, arts, education, architecture, just to mention a few.

Twenty years (1) , nobody thought things like the Internet would exist. At that time, it (2) even difficult to communicate on the phone when distances were long. More even, in Argentina, many people (3) not have a home telephone line at home. It was difficult to get and (4) expensive!

Nowadays, people of all social classes and all ages (5) have access to a mobile phone, (6) of them have smartphones (7) communication is not a problem anymore. This affected the way we (8) our time. People spend long hours reading messages, (9) on new apps, (10) information on the Internet. Young people read messages, of course. But, what about books? They don't like reading books. Why not? Well, probably because books (11) not have instant messages!

5 Answer the questions.

1. Do you usually send text messages to your friends?

2. How often do you use the internet?

3. Have you got a lot of gadgets?

4. Can you live without your mobile phone?