

Modern technology: advantages and disadvantages

1) Listen and match the speakers with their opinions :

- _____ says that people are becoming less social because of social medias.
- _____ likes social medias because it's easier to communicate with people all over the world.
- _____ suggests that young people should start new hobbies instead of spending hours online.
- _____ Teenagers can use new technologies and social medias better than adults.
- _____ thinks that people should develop their computer skills because we live in a digital world.
- _____ says that many teenagers are addicted to social medias.
- _____ says that the internet has really changed our lives.
- _____ People can share their opinions on blogs, forums and chat rooms.
- _____ thinks that we should meet people in real life instead of spending so much time on social medias.

2) What is the difference between a blog, a forum and a chat room ?

- In a _____ the topics and discussions are organized into different categories. You can create a new topic, or search for older topics. Usually, you need to become a member to create topics and post comments.
- _____ are for discussions in real-time. These discussions aren't archived for future reference, but it's great when you want to speak with someone and get a fast answer.
- _____ : it looks like an online journal. The information is displayed in the reverse chronological order : the newest information will appear first, and the oldest information will appear at the end. It is a platform where a writer (or a group of writers) share their photos, experience, opinions, etc. People often create such platforms when they travel : each day, they can write a new article with photos about their new adventures. The visitors can usually post comments (at the bottom of each article).

3) Listen to the second podcast. Match the speakers with the following technological devices :



- _____ likes to watch films and play video games on his smart TV.
- _____ says that he doesn't have a computer because he doesn't like social medias.
- _____ explains that tablets are smaller and cheaper than notebooks.
- _____ We need _____ for everything, hospitals, airports, police. Nothing can work without them.
- _____ likes to use this device to read the news online.
- _____ prefers this device because there are many useful apps to listen to music, watch videos, upload _____ and check social medias.

4) Listen to the third podcast and answer the following questions :

a. Who is talking to Vanessa ?

Vanessa is talking to a friend a teacher a journalist

b. What type of conversation is it ?

It's conversation on the phone It's an interview Vanessa is speaking in a classroom

c. What is the main topic of this conversation ? (une seule réponse possible: le thème principal)

Social media ipads smarthphone apps computers a smart TV

d. What does Vanessa like to do on this device ?

She likes to watch _____ on _____ for one hour each day.

She spends _____ hours a day _____ and posting _____ on _____ , or posting _____ on instagram. When she's on holiday, she checks her accounts _____ times a day and she sends about _____ texts to her bestfriend to tell her how she feels.

5) Watch the videos and give your opinion about digital tools : are they useful in the classroom ?

Do you like using computers or tablets at school ? Should we use them more / less often ? Why ?

Ci-dessous, du vocabulaire utile pour ajouter des transitions et organiser tes idées :

To speak about the advantages :

The first advantage of using digital tools in the classroom is that ...

There are many other advantages to using computers and tablets at school. One of them is that...

Another positive aspect is that students ... (can / will learn / will be able to) ...

Another benefit is that ... / Another advantage is that ...

To speak about disadvantages :

However, there are some negative aspects : ... and ...

And there are other disadvantages, such as ...

Another disadvantage is that ... / A negative consequence of ... is that ...

In my opinion, the major disadvantage is that....

The conclusion :

To conclude, I think that there are many advantages and we should use ... more often at school.

In my opinion, there are too many disadvantages and we shouldn't use ... at school.

Even though there are some disadvantages to using ... at school, the advantages far outweigh them.

Even though there are some negative aspects, I think it's important to use ... at school because ...

Quelques traductions :

Another = un(e) autre

Many = beaucoup

More often = plus souvent

Benefit = avantage

Even though = bien que

Too many = trop

Less often = moins souvent

However = cependant

Il faut bien relire : orthographe, majuscules, ponctuation, conjugaison, singulier / pluriel.

EXPRESSION ECRITE → Niveau

A1: je peux écrire des phrases simples et compréhensibles en utilisant "*and, but, because, like, don't like*".

A2: j'apporte plus de détails et j'ajoute d'autres connecteurs pour organiser mes idées (ex: *I think that... / According to me, digital tools are..... / The first advantage of is / Another advantage is that / To conclude...*). Mon message est compréhensible même s'il reste des fautes élémentaires.

A2+ : des idées développées et intéressantes, avec des transitions simples. Très peu de fautes élémentaires.

B1: Je peux donner mon opinion et des explications détaillées dans un anglais de bonne qualité, avec des transitions plus complexes (ex: *Some people say that... but I disagree. / Indeed... / To be honest, I don't think that... / Even though...*).