My brothers, Technology and Me

People often says that technology takes up too much of our time. As a result, we seldom interact with others, especially our family members. This is not true for me. Let me tell you why.

I am the youngest in the family. With my twin brothers away at college, I could have ended up feeling very lonely at home. Thanks to technology, I am able to see and talk to them using video calls almost every day. Sometimes, I even get to chat with their classmates and roommates if they happen to be around. It feels like I am gaining many new friends as my brothers make more friends in college.

My brothers and I also follow each other on social media like Facebook and Instagram. I can see how their college and hostel look like. Similarly, they can see what we have been doing at home or the places and events we go to such as football matches and birthday parties. I find that I learn so much more about my brothers compared to when they were at home. While one of them is really good at taking photograph, the other simply loves to be photographed.

With technology, I communicate more with my brothers. They create a group chat just for the three of us. I write to them and they will answer whenever they are available. I have been sharing with them problems I face in my study and with friends. Through this group chat, we are able to console, encourage and share jokes privately among ourselves. Besides, my brothers insist that I must always write good English or they will not reply my messages. I have been writing so much that I am becoming quite good at it. Even my teachers noticed that my writing has improved.

In conclusion, I do not think that technology is a bad thing. For my brothers and I, technology has brought us closer. Compared to when they were at home, now we speak and write almost everyday among us. We can also share what is happening in our lives better. Whether technology is something good or bad, it is up to us how we use it.

Find the meaning of the words given using dictionary or contextual clues.

1. Seldom
2. Lonely
3. Gaining
4. Communicate
5. Console
6. Improved
7. Compared

Answer the questions based on the text.

1. What is the word that indicates the number of brothers the writer has?
2. After the brothers have gone to college, the writer would have felt very lonely if not for…
3. The writer feels like he is _____ as her brothers get to know more people while they are away in college.
4. The writer and her brother use social media such as _____ to follow what they have been doing in their lives.
5. Through social media, the writer learns _____ about her brothers.
6. The writer and her brothers are able to _____ privately among themselves in their group chat.
7. In the group chat, the writer must write his messages in _____ otherwise his brothers will refuse to reply.
8. The writer feels that technology can either be _____ depending on how we use it.

Complete the table below with a word from the text.

Meaning	Word
1. Friends who study in the same class.	
2. Became better	

State True or False for the statements provided.

1. The writer is the only child in the family.
2. The writer's brothers contact him via video calls every day.
3. They have a group chat to talk with their parents.
4. Sometimes, the writer goes to birthday parties and football matches with the brothers.
5. The writer believes that it is up to us on how we perceive technology.