

Reading Comprehension

Vocabulary (คำศัพท์)

- **eager (adj.):** very keen and excited about something that is going to happen or about something you want to do (กระตือรือร้น)
- **approximately (adv.):** used for showing that an amount, number, time, etc. is not exact (โดยประมาณ)
- **virtual (adj.):** made, done, seen, etc. on the Internet or on a computer, rather than in the real world (เสมือน)
- **simulate (v.):** to make something that is not real but looks as if it is real (เลียนแบบ)
- **imaginary (adj.):** not real, but produced from pictures or ideas in your mind (ในจินตนาการ)
- **invader (n.):** a soldier or group of soldiers that enters a country or town by force in order to take control of it (ผู้บุกรุก)
- **hologram (n.):** a special picture that is made with a laser that look real (ภาพสามมิติ)
- **synthesizer (n.):** an electronic instrument that produces the sounds of various musical instruments (อุปกรณ์ในเครื่อง ดนตรีที่ทำให้เกิดและปรับเปลี่ยนเสียง)
- **fade (v.):** to gradually disappear (ค่อยๆ เลือนหายไป)

Idiom (สำนวนภาษา)

- **be on the looking for** หมายถึง เฝ้าดูอย่างต่อเนื่อง
- **check something out** หมายถึง สำรวจตรวจสอบว่าสิ่งหนึ่ง เป็นอย่างไร

The Newest Generation

Look at the pictures. What do you think the Reading is about?

Since at least the 1950s, teens of each generation have been on the lookout for new songs, new fashions, or, really, anything new. If there's something new, teens are typically eager to check it out. If something becomes popular and lasts for a while, it becomes a trend. Nowadays, the use of the newest technology has become the trend with teenagers.

These teenagers belong to Generation Z, and they were born approximately between 1994 and 2004. Generation Zers are tough and smart. They like to belong to a group and to share personal information. They are the first generation to have grown up with technology like the Internet and cell phone. Most of them own an MP3 player and download music from the web. They text friends on their cell phones, and they also stay in touch with them on Facebook. They read books on e-readers and tablets. And, they love the virtual world.



Virtual reality (VR) is an environment simulated by a computer. With goggles and headphones, teens can enter places in worlds of simulated reality as well as imaginary worlds. They can play soccer, drive a racing car, or defend the planet against invaders from outer space.

Virtual reality has also entered the world of entertainment. In Japan, a young singer named Hatsune Mikuone has become a hit. Miku is actually a 3-D hologram of a pop star. She's sixteen years old, and she has long pigtails and large eyes. Miku's voice is recorded on a synthesizer called "Vocaloid." She has performed "live" at stadiums all over Japan. Crowds of fans wave glowing sticks and sing along to "World Is Mine."

Will the latest trends fade with new technology? We'll have to wait and see—until the next generation.



