

While You Read

A. Read the text and check the words in your list. Were any of your guesses correct?

When people began to make technological devices, they certainly didn't know how much these devices would develop in the future. For example, when Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, he probably couldn't imagine that people would use a mobile phone one day. An Italian engineer Guglielmo Marconi invented the radio in 1895. John Logie Baird, who was a Scottish engineer, made the first working television system in 1925. How would they feel if they could see today's radios or televisions?

As technology develops, the world develops. Here are some of the most important technological developments. Bell laboratories made the first video phone in 1969. Martin Cooper, who is an American engineer, designed the first handheld mobile phone in 1973. And in 2000, millions of people began to use mobile phones. In 2009, technology companies made the first smartphone, which performs many functions of a computer. Today smartphones are everywhere. They are used by people all over the world.



As for computer technology, the developments are unbelievable. In 1944, Tommy Flowers designed the first electronic digital computer which was programmable. In 1973, computer engineers made the first computer which had a keyboard and a mouse. And the first laptop was created in 1983. A British scientist Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web in 1989. 1991 is the year when WWW became available for everyone. The first wireless Internet network started in 2000. And the Internet has continued to develop rapidly since then. Now we live in the digital era, and computers are in all parts of our lives.



F. Read the paragraph again and complete the sentence.

You should use social media safely, otherwise



G. Read the paragraph again and complete the table.

the positive effects of social media	the negative effects of social media

After You Read

Work in groups of 4. Add some positive and negative effects of social media in the table below.

the positive effects	the negative effects



DISCUSSION TIME

Work in groups of 4 and discuss the questions below. Then share your group's opinions with the class.

Do you think the positive effects of social media greatly outweigh its negative effects? Why/ Why not?