

Texting Opinion

Sent as Text Message

Reading

3 Read the essay and answer the questions.

- 1 What is the writer's overall opinion of texting?
- 2 What negative points about texting does the writer make?

It seems that people prefer to communicate by message, whether it's a picture or an emoji. Are we losing the art of conversation or just playing with language and communicating more? Let's face it, in the past our communication was limited, but now communication with friends, family and work colleagues is at our fingertips. I would like to explore these two points in a little more detail. Personally, I think text messages allow for a creative use of language. English is always changing. New words are added to the dictionary regularly, for example 'texting' and 'meme'. In addition to this, the meaning of words are ever changing and evolving over time; words such as 'tweet', 'google' and 'viral'. I also believe that texting encourages people to write and communicate more, and this can only mean good things for language use and development.

I do, however, feel that in some cases it makes people lazy and hinders oral communication. For instance, people often prefer to send messages rather than actually speak to a person. In my view, it infringes on oral communication. How many times have you heard friends or colleagues use text speak in their conversation? Have you ever said LOL, OMG, IDK or IRL?

As with everything there are pros and cons. Understand the background and keep on texting! L8R:)

Answer the Questions after reading the article.

1. How does the writer feel overall about texting?
 - A. Positive
 - B. Negative
2. The writer thinks texting can make people lazy and hinder communication.
True or False?
 - A. True
 - B. False
3. In the end, the writer tells us to...
 - A. Stop texting so much
 - B. Keep on texting