

More and more people have begun to use electronic gadgets. Why do you think this is?



It's incredible to think that people haven't even been using the **Internet** for 30 years. When the Internet was first used, you had to **connect** through a telephone line and it could be very slow. Things have changed a lot since then. Today nearly four billion people have a **mobile gadget**, such as a **smartphone**, or a tablet or both. And with **Wi-Fi** in many public spaces, it's easier than ever to connect.

Many agree that mobile gadgets and the **apps** on them are **useful**. They make our lives so much easier. We can do things like **search** for a word in the dictionary or use a torch with just the swipe of a finger! At any time and place, we can **send** and receive e-mails, play **games** or **look up** information. We can also **share** photos and videos or **chat** with friends and family using mobile technology. Smartphones have made it possible to send texts. By 2015, people were sending eight trillion texts per year. It's now the most popular way to communicate.

Because it's so useful, people spend a lot of time on the Internet. Probably too much time! In fact, the average person is online for almost four and a half hours each day. We connect to the Internet with a smartphone more than any other device. Some people worry that we spend too much time with our gadgets. What about you? Do you spend too much time on the Internet?

Are the statements TRUE or FALSE? If False, correct them.

1. In the past, people connected to internet using a telephone line.	TRUE	FALSE
2. Four million people use mobile gadgets nowadays.	TRUE	FALSE
3. Mobile gadgets made our lives complicated.	TRUE	FALSE
4. By 2015, people were sending 8 trillion texts per day.	TRUE	FALSE
5. The average time a person spends online is about four and half hours a day.	TRUE	FALSE

Answer the following questions.

1. List three things we can do using mobile gadgets.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. What device do most people use to connect to the internet?

