

Read the text and choose the right options to complete the sentences.

How Electronic Communications are Changing our Lives

Millions of people already have experience with electronic communications. Every time they make an airline reservation or use an automatic teller machine or have their credit card checked, they are participating in an electronic communication session. It is not only possible for us to communicate immediately with people and places via computer using electronic mail (e-mail), it can also be inexpensive and simple to do. E-mail is only one of many "tools" that are appearing along the "electronic superhighway". This highway is now the quickest way to get to the people we want to "talk to" and the information we want to find. In short, while e-mail is the simplest and most immediate function of the Internet for many people, there are many other fascinating aspects of electronic communication.

The industrial age has developed into information age, in which the means to access, manipulate, and use information have become crucial (решающий, ключевой) to our lives and success as citizens of the global village. The electronic superhighway provides a free entree to libraries, research institutions, databases, art galleries and countless other sources of data. But for those of us who are interested in inter-cultural communication, the best part about it all is that Cyberspace is a universal community, with instant access not just to information everywhere, but also to friends old and new around the globe.

1. **Booking an air ticket online** _____.
 1. is impossible for millions of people
 2. can be done without a credit card
 3. is an act of electronic communication
 4. you should be ready to communicate with an automatic teller machine
2. **E-mail is** _____.
 1. available only for professionals to use
 2. cheap and easy
 3. not very popular as a means of modern communication
 4. the only tool to communicate immediately with people
3. **If we want to find some information quickly, we should** _____.
 1. use the computer technology
 2. go to the library
 3. ask a teacher
 4. write e-mails
4. **The information age** _____.
 1. is previous to industrial age
 2. gave birth to a new attitude to the information in books
 3. is about how much information you get at your age
 4. made information means and resources the key factor in people's life
5. **Thanks to electronic communications** _____.
 1. we get more free time
 2. we can get access to people's private mail
 3. we can borrow books from a local library
 4. virtual excursions to museums became available
6. **For people who are interested in intercultural communication** _____.
 1. there is a lot of information on the problem on the Internet
 2. the Internet is a source of international friends
 3. the Internet is just a waste of time
 4. it's difficult to find the people in other countries to contact directly