

Stage 11 Week 14 Periods 53- 54

Lesson Exercises

Student: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

A. Preparation Task: Read the question prompt.

Information will soon be so easy to find on the internet that people will not need to remember anything. Do you agree?

Tick the four ideas that are most relevant to this question.

- _____ You can find information about everything on the internet.
- _____ Not everyone has access to the internet all the time.
- _____ Internet banking is very popular now.
- _____ People use the internet to commit crimes.
- _____ It is quicker to remember something than to look it up online.
- _____ Not everything you read on the internet is true.
- _____ The internet is an important tool for marketing.

B. Reading text:

An opinion essay

Information will soon be so easy to find on the internet that people will not need to remember anything. Do you agree?

Nowadays all the information we could ever need is available online and some people say that means the end of having to learn anything.

It is true that these days everything you want to know is a few clicks away as long as you have internet access. However, not everyone has working internet all the time, for example in certain buildings or remote locations, so we do need to be able to remember information. Moreover, it takes time to look up everything you need to know online, whereas remembering something is immediate. The human memory is a much more efficient system.

Another problem is the quality of the information online. How do we know if it is accurate or reliable? We need to think about other facts we know and remember how to compare information from different websites. Knowing (and remembering) how to find certain information will be more important than knowing the information itself

Finally, the internet is a good tool but it is not a useful replacement for our brains. If we did not remember anything, we would all spend even more time on our phones and computers than we already do, which is not good for society.

In conclusion, the internet offers us many things but it is still important to use our knowledge and memories. We need our memories to function without the internet and we also need to know how to use the internet properly.

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Tips

1. Read the question carefully. Respond to all ideas in it or all parts of it.
2. Plan your ideas first and then choose the best ones.
3. Introduce your essay by restating the question in your own words.
4. Show understanding of both sides of the argument.
5. Use linking words to connect your ideas.
6. Draw your conclusion from the main ideas in your essay. Don't introduce new ideas at the end.

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C. Read the text and answer:

Task 1

Write a number (1–5) to put the essay paragraphs in order.

_____ Main point – the advantages of using memory over searching online

_____ Main point – the negative social effects of internet use

_____ Introduction – an explanation of the essay question in other words

_____ Conclusion – the internet cannot replace memory

_____ Main point – the difficulty of finding good quality information online