

Reading Worksheet – Living with Modern Communication...

Read this text. Then answer the questions that follow.

Living with modern communications

A 'There are lots of bad TV programmes, but the weather forecasts are good. We get bad hurricanes here in America, and they're getting worse. But modern satellites are collecting better information on their speed and direction, and forecasts are getting better. So we understand hurricanes better now, and we now know when and where one will arrive.'

B 'We get Palestinian TV and hundreds of other satellite channels, too. Hanan and I love watching cartoons all day! That's bad, I know. But now Mum and Dad say we can only watch serious programmes like documentaries. We think that's bad, too!'

C 'Like a lot of Moroccan people, my job is fishing, and my mobile is very important in my work. It's expensive, but I can now call different markets from my boat. That means I can find the best market for my fish and take them there. My mobile is giving my family a better life.'

D 'Australian farms are big, and our parents like to stay in contact, so they've given us mobiles. But now we're calling and texting friends more and more, and Mum and Dad are getting angry. They say we're always on the phone when they want to talk – and we shouldn't be! ... Oh, someone's calling now. Excuse me!'



Section 1: Comprehension Questions

1.  What are some positive effects of satellites on communication or weather?

2.  How does the boy from Palestine feel about watching cartoons?

3.  Why is the mobile phone important to the Moroccan fisherman?

Section 2: Vocabulary – Match the synonym and antonym

Word from the text	<u>Synonym</u> =	<u>Antonym</u> ×
bad		
important		
quickly		
new		

Section 3: Pronoun Reference

1. “She has two children.” → Who does "She" refer to?

2. “They play in the garden.” → Who does "They" refer to?

3. “It’s expensive, but I can now call...” → What does "It" refer to?

4. “They’re getting worse.” → What does "They" refer to?

Section 4:

 Choose another suitable title for the passage based on your understanding.

"Well done, superstar!" 
