Reading

Task 1. Complete the text with the words from the box

communicate	web	computers	Internet
technologies	smartphones		

THE INFORMATION AGE

We are lucky to live at the age of fast development of communication _____(1). The development of the _____(2) has made global communication cheap and available to everyone. It has influenced the very way we _____(3) daily. It has also given us possibilities for buying things using our personal _____(4); besides we can talk, hear and see dear people over _____(5) cameras. In fact, the growth of technology has made _____(6) become almost a part of us providing speed, quality, and effectiveness in a device small enough to carry it in the pocket.

Task 2. Read the texts and tick the correct column

Amy, Manchester: «I had my first job at the age of 12 delivering the weekly free paper. By the time I was 13 I had been working Sunday evenings washing up in a café and continued to have part-time jobs in cafés and restaurants until I left school. My parents gave me very little pocket money so I quickly learnt that if I wanted money I had to work for it. When my own children reach 13, they will also be expected to work — if not in a job outside of the home, then at least doing work around the house or for my husband's business to earn any «pocket money». It teaches children an important lesson about the value of work and money which is just as important for their education as academic study».

Neil, York: «I am 18 now and I have been working since I turned 13. It felt fantastic to have money that was mine by my own efforts, and I was able to learn the value of money, and good financial practices early on. I have had 5 jobs since I was 13, I have been able to develop a range of skills and I do not regret entering work at such an early age. The only problem I really had was combining work and study, as it was, at times, difficult to balance work hours with school and college lessons, but work also gave me motivation for my studies and provided practical experience to apply to what I learnt».

	Which of the speakers...	Amy	Neil	Both
1	...doesn't regret he/she had to start working experience at an early age?			
2	...has been employed since 12?			
3	...got very little pocket money from his/her parents?			
4	...thinks that work was useful for studies?			
5	...felt it difficult to find a balance between work and studies?			

LIVEWORKSHEETS