

Exercise 8 page 7/ student's book

8 Write a paragraph about how you or your family use modern technology. You should focus on using any new vocabulary to describe this.

Sample paragraph

People can't live without modern technology these days. We depend on smartphones and the internet for communication. In addition to that, we use smart T.V sets at home. Our cars are equipped with modern navigation systems. Doctors need modern technology to perform difficult operations. Students depend on information from the internet for research. In short modern technology is around us. If we know how to use it correctly, then it will be very useful for our life.

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Writing sample paragraph

Write two paragraphs discussing the role of technology in communication. How important do you think technology is when we communicate? Pay attention to the linking words.

suggested answer:

Technology plays an important role in communication. It really makes communication faster and easier. Thanks to technology people can communicate with family and friends we don't see every day Therefore technology has become an essential part of our daily life.

Despite the undeniable advantages of technology, it has had some negative effects on our society. For example, social media is time-wasting. The faster we communicate the more likely it is that there will be misunderstandings. Besides, fast and convenient communication makes it easier to offend or upset people

since we don't put as much thought into what we write due to the speed of the communication.

Writing skills: Coherence

To make your essay 'flow' so that it is clear to your audience, you need to link your ideas:

Indicating consequence:

In this way, technology makes communication more convenient.

As a consequence, family members who are away from home can communicate well with their loved ones.

Therefore, people can communicate more quickly and conveniently.

indicating opposition:

However, social media is time-consuming.

Whereas the more quickly and conveniently we communicate, the more likely it is that there will be misunderstandings.

Despite the recent advances in technology, it is still unreliable and very inconvenient.

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9 Write a three-paragraph essay of 200 words discussing the advantages and disadvantages of using the Internet. Then share your work with the class.

The advantages and disadvantages of online shopping

Most people now use the Internet on computers, smartphones, and tablets to do a variety of tasks. For many people, these tasks include online shopping. From shopping for groceries to all kinds of clothes shopping, consumers are finding this the easiest way to get what they need, literally at the touch of a button. However, there are numerous and important disadvantages to shopping in this way.

Although using the Internet to shop is usually fairly easy, and there is often greater variety available, it is always a risk because you cannot try on or see in detail the item you wish to buy. In fact, the immediate 'convenience' of shopping in this way can end up being an inconvenience if the item is faulty or does not fit, or is just not what the customer wanted. It is true that the prices are better when you shop online, but, while it might be cheaper, there is a distinct disadvantage because you have to wait for the delivery of the purchases. Some people might prefer not to have any personal contact while shopping online, but it can save time in the end since there are always assistants to help with queries you might have during the transaction. In addition to this, there is the issue of Internet payment security; however, recently this has improved a lot.

The Internet has indeed given us a wider choice as consumers, as well as making some aspects of shopping more pleasant and convenient. However, it is nearly impossible, in my opinion, to forget the disadvantages we experience from time to time since these can and do influence the way in which we choose to shop.

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Look at the sentences below, then write a paragraph about the advantages and disadvantages of the 'Internet of Things'. Use some of the expressions in bold below and ideas from exercise 12.

lights will go off automatically. **In this way**, we will save energy.

On the one hand, life would be easier. **On the other hand**, we would have less privacy.

Driverless cars would make traveling simple. **However**, if they went wrong, they could be dangerous.

Although the 'internet of things' sounds exciting, we should be careful.

Suggested answer:

The Internet of Things has a lot of advantages and a few disadvantages. When we use the internet things at home, lights will go off automatically. **In this way**, we will save energy. **On the one hand**, when we use the Internet of Things, life would be easier. **On the other hand**, we would have less privacy. In addition to that, driverless cars would make traveling simple. **However**, if driverless cars went wrong, they could be dangerous and would cause disasters. In short, **although** the internet of things sounds exciting, we should be careful.