

UNIT 5 Developing Life Skills Activity

How Technology Affects Relationships

Directions: Technology has changed how people relate to each other. For each example below, write at least one advantage and one disadvantage to the way technology affects relationships. Even if you think the technology is mostly good or mostly bad, try to think of both advantages and disadvantages.

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| 2 | Many Channels In the past, people in most places could receive only a few television channels. Today cable and satellite dishes make a huge number of channels available. | | |
| 3 | Computer Years ago the only low-cost way to communicate over a long distance was to send a letter, which might take days to arrive. Today it is easy and inexpensive to communicate long distance by computer. | | |
| 4 | Laundering Equipment Years ago a chore such as laundry might involve the whole family working together. Today washers and dryers make laundry an easy job for one person to do alone. | | |

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