

Sample Writing

More and more people are using the Internet as their primary means of social interaction – chatting, playing online games, documenting their lives in a weblog, or reading and commenting on other people’s weblogs. Although users argue that the Internet is a good way to make new friends, psychologists argue that heavy Internet use can lead to isolation, and should not be seen as a substitute for real-life social interaction.

Your teacher has asked you to write an essay discussing the advantages and disadvantages of social interaction via the Internet. Write the essay, ending it by giving your own opinion.

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Discussion About the Pros and Cons of Social Interaction

Do you have a net friend whom you met on the Internet? Nowadays, using the Internet as the primary means of social interaction becomes popular among many people. They even spend much time on chatting, playing online games and documenting their lives in a weblog on the Net. Although it seems that using the Internet brings many advantages to one, it also creates some problems. Thus, I am going to talk about the pros and cons of using the Internet for social interaction.

For the advantages, the first one is the provision of convenience for people to catch up with the world. Due to the advancement of information technology, the speed of uploading and downloading of files increases promptly. Thus, this attracts many people to build up websites on the Internet which contain informative data of various aspects about our lives. Then, by surfing the Net, people can get different information around the world at once in order to save time and achieve multi-function at the same time.



Therefore, people not only can obtain knowledge in a convenient way, but also can explore the world in just a few minutes. Besides, the second advantage is the creation of space for self-expression. Because of the popularity of online forums, chatting room and diary, more and more people are so generous to share their feelings on the Net. Usually, they enjoy sharing their daily lives and creative works with others freely on the Net. Therefore, the Internet serves as a stage for people to show what they think and what they do.

However, if you are addicted to using the Internet, you will suffer a lot from its harmful disadvantages. The first one is to worsen interrelationship among people in the real world. Since people are more willing to meet friends or enjoy their lives through the Net, it is easy for them to ignore their real lives and they even neglect all the matters and people around them. As this situation becomes more serious, it will gradually weaken their social skills

which finally leads to a difficulty for them to adapt to the society.

The second advantage is the result of unsustainable friendship. On the Internet, people can do what they like without face-to-face contact so everything they said or did to another may be sincerely true or false. Meanwhile, as they need not to take responsibility about their behaviours on the Net, they even use fake identity in order to achieve their personal purposes. Thus, it will be extremely dangerous for a person to make a friend on the Internet. And as people do not live or experience life with their net friends in reality, the friendship between the two will not last so long.

All in all, proper use of the Internet not only creates an efficient channel for us to discover the world, it also provides us with a comfortable life. But heavy reliance on using the Internet may negatively affect our normal lives which include isolation and knowing – nothing about our surroundings. Therefore, appropriate use of the Internet is crucial to help you to have an enjoyable life. Thus, I support people using the Internet as the primary means of social interaction under suitable control of time management.

