

Write an article for your school newspaper on the effects of technology on everyday life. You may use the following information, your own experiences, observations, and/or readings.

We've arranged a civilization in which most crucial elements profoundly depend on science and technology. We have also arranged things so that almost no one understands science and technology. This is a prescription for disaster. We might get away with it for a while, but sooner or later this combustible mixture of ignorance and power is going to blow up in our faces.

Source: *Carl Sagan*

We are the children of a technological age. We have found streamlined ways of doing much of our routine work. Printing is no longer the only way of reproducing books. Reading them, however, has not changed.

Source: *Lawrence Clark Powell*

Information and communications technology unlocks the value of time, allowing and enabling multi-tasking, multi-channels, multi-this and multi-that.

Source: *Li Ka Shing*

Many people see technology as the problem behind the so-called digital divide [the gap between those who have access to technology and those who do not]. Others see it as the solution. Technology is neither. It must operate in conjunction with business, economic, political and social system[s].

Source: *Carly Fiorina*

As you write an article for your school newspaper on the effects of technology on everyday life, remember to

- Focus on the effects of technology on everyday life.
- Consider the purpose, audience, and context of your article.
- Organize your article so that your ideas progress logically.
- Include relevant details to clearly develop your article.
- Edit your article for standard grammar and language usage.

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