

Vocabulary...

*Progress words

word	other word forms	phrase
innovation	innovative	the cloud is one of the latest innovations in computer technology
advance		one major advance is in the use of computers in transport regulation
develop	development	it is not easy to predict how this technology is going to develop
progress		the 21st century has already seen considerable progress in computer technology
revolution	revolutionary/ revolutionise	it is undeniable that computers have revolutionised our lives
breakthrough		one of the greatest technological breakthroughs ever made was the microchip

Impact words

word	other word forms	
change		it goes without saying that the computer revolution has changed all our lives
affect	effect	generally speaking, most technology has had a beneficial effect on our lives
influence	influential	few inventions have had a greater influence on mankind than the computer
impact		it remains to be seen what the long-term impact of this technology will be

Technology and computer words

word	example
technology	one of the disadvantages for consumers of modern technology is that it rapidly becomes obsolete
technological	simple as it is, I believe that cell phone is the most significant techological innovation
technophobe	there are a minority of people who remain technophobes and do not have mobile phones or even know how to text
technophile	others, of course, are technophiles and will buy the latest gadget whether they need it or not
computer technology/ ICT	nowadays one of the core subjects on any school's curriculum is ICT and it is essential for school leavers to be computer literate
information technology/IT	while computers have many possible applications, their greatest use is to allow us to exchange information - hence the name information technology
digital native	young people have an advantage by being digital natives and having grown up with laptops and mobile phones
computer literate	it is now almost impossible to work in an office, if you are not computer literate
the computer age	in fact, we could now be said to live in the computer age

Adjectives

adjective	example
cutting-edge	one such cutting-edge innovation is the concept of the cloud
state-of-the-art	it is not always, however, necessary to have the latest state-of-the-art technology
modern	modern technology has changed the way in which we lead our lives and communicate with one another
labour-saving	perhaps the most influential inventions are relatively simple labour-saving devices such as the vacuum cleaner
advanced	more advanced technology is not always the best
high	an example of this is how some high tech solutions are less reliable than the technology they replaced
outdated	the pace of change in the computer industry means that hardware can become outdated or even obsolete within the space of 2 years

Device words

word	example
device	we now have more leisure time because of labour-saving devices in the home such as the dishwasher
equipment	a computer is no longer a luxury, but has become an essential piece of equipment for any student or employee
gadget	we should not forget that many technological gadgets not only make our lives easier but are also fun to use
appliance	almost all modern kitchens have several electrical appliances that save our time

Other useful words

word	phrase/example	phrase/example
connection	have an internet connection	
online	go online	shop online
e-books	e-commerce	e-ticket
digital	digital camera	digital technology
cyber	cyber-crime	cyberspace
access to	have access to the internet	access a document
game	be addicted to computer games	
application	the application of IT	

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Life was better when technology was simpler. To what extent do you agree and disagree?

It is argued that our lives were more fulfilling when technology was less advanced. This essay disagrees with this statement and believes that computers and the internet have made life better. The essay will first discuss how **smart phones save us time** and then talk about how **the internet has improved education**, followed by a reasoned conclusion.

New phones, such as the iPhone, have made our daily lives much less laborious and **give us more free time**. Jobs that required lots of energy and time can now be done at the touch of a button. For example, if we wanted to communicate with one another in the past, **we had to write a letter, take it to the post office and then wait for it to be delivered, whereas these days we can simply tap the email icon on our touch screen and send a message in seconds.**

The internet has also enriched our lives by providing us with more information than we could ever need, thus making us more independent and effective learners. **In the past students had to rely on a teacher or physical books for their education** and these were often either unavailable or in a format that most people did not want, but now we can pick and choose what we want to learn. For example, **there are now thousands of free online courses available on YouTube that anyone can watch and learn from anywhere in the world.**

In conclusion, **life has been improved by technological advancements**, particularly labour saving devices like phones and learning opportunities provided by the internet.