



Teens and technology



Answer the following questions.



1. How important is technology for you?

2. Which technological device is essential in your life?



Below is a short text about “Mobile Phones”. Read it carefully and complete it using the words in the box.

A mobile telephone or cellular telephone (commonly, ⁽¹⁾ _____ or cell phone) is a long range, portable electronic ⁽²⁾ _____ used for mobile communication. In addition to the standard voice function of a telephone, current mobile phones can provide many additional ⁽³⁾ _____ such as SMS for text ⁽⁴⁾ _____, e-mail, packet switching for access to the Internet and MMS for ⁽⁵⁾ _____ and receiving photos and ⁽⁶⁾ _____.

A mobile phone is more than just a phone for most teenagers: it's also an ⁽⁷⁾ _____ and a camera. Text messaging is ⁽⁸⁾ _____ and more private so they use it a lot more than phoning.



MP3 player

Sending

device

services

cheaper

messaging

Videos

mobile phone

Read the following text.

Generation M

Lisa is in her room doing her homework. However, homework is just one of the things she's doing while her eyes are fixed on the computer screen. As well as studying for her Biology exam, Lisa is also listening to music, chatting with her best friend online, downloading songs and occasionally texting people on her mobile phone. "My parents keep telling me off for multi-tasking while studying but they don't understand that it helps me concentrate," she says.



Young people today spend about six hours a day using various types of media, and doing different things at the same time. This is the reason why they are called the Generation M. But when it comes to learning new information, multi-tasking has a bad impact according to researchers. Dividing your attention between many activities makes the knowledge you gain harder to use later. We are not saying you shouldn't multi-task, just don't multi-task while you are trying to learn something new. According to specialists, it is also essential to take time away from electronic media. Generation M should take time to relax and reflect. There's a life beyond the screen and the pleasure of face-to-face communication cannot be replaced.



Find evidence for the following information in the text.

1. Lisa's parents believe that Lisa doesn't take her studies very seriously.

2. The phrase "Generation M" means teenagers are good at doing many tasks at the same time.

3. Learning is made easier when you concentrate on one thing at a time.

4. Specialists believe students need to spend less time using electronic media.
