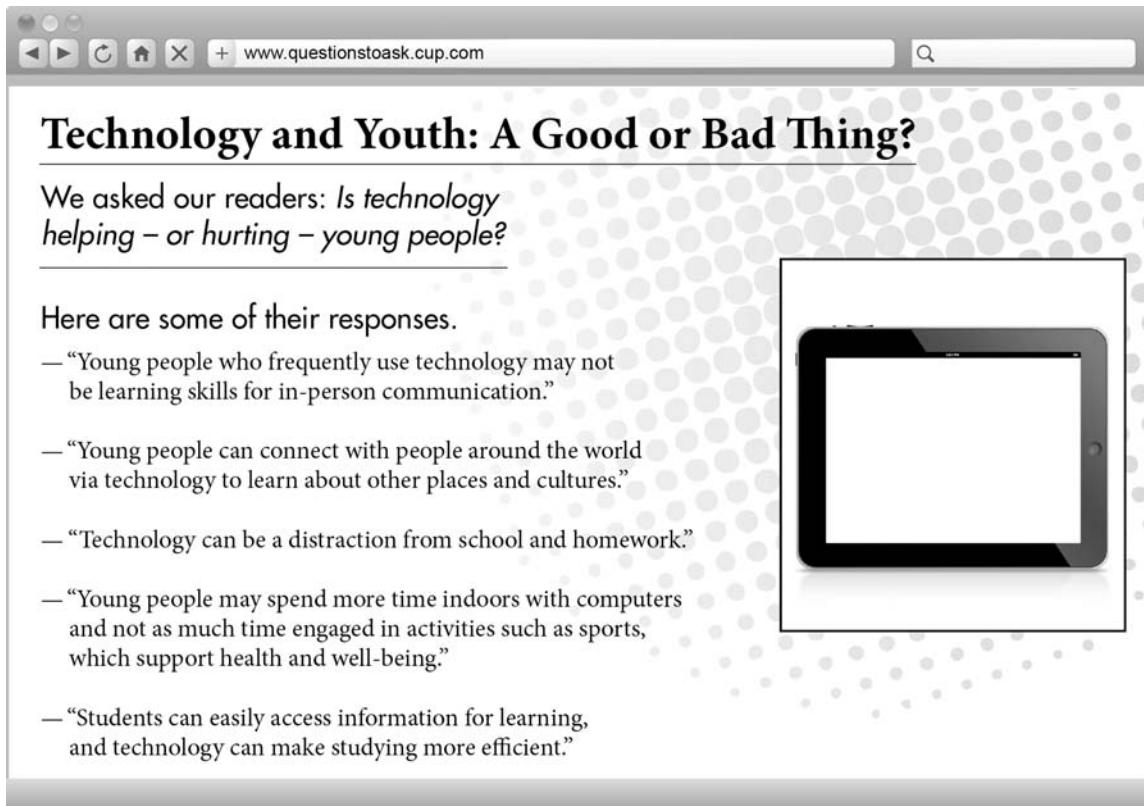


Unit 5 Writing quiz

A Some people believe that young people today are too dependent on technology such as computers, tablets, and cell phones. Others disagree and believe that technology is beneficial for young people's development. Read the opinions below. Which are for technology (✓)? Which are against technology (X)? Write ✓ or X.




The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing 'www.questionstoask.cup.com'. The main heading is 'Technology and Youth: A Good or Bad Thing?'. Below the heading is the text: 'We asked our readers: *Is technology helping – or hurting – young people?*'. Underneath, it says 'Here are some of their responses.' followed by five bullet points of responses. To the right of the text is an image of a tablet computer.

Technology and Youth: A Good or Bad Thing?

We asked our readers: *Is technology helping – or hurting – young people?*

Here are some of their responses.

- “Young people who frequently use technology may not be learning skills for in-person communication.”
- “Young people can connect with people around the world via technology to learn about other places and cultures.”
- “Technology can be a distraction from school and homework.”
- “Young people may spend more time indoors with computers and not as much time engaged in activities such as sports, which support health and well-being.”
- “Students can easily access information for learning, and technology can make studying more efficient.”



B Write an opinion essay about the question in the readers' survey in Part A. State your view and summarize the arguments for both sides in your introduction and conclusion. Use ideas from Part A and / or your own ideas. Give reasons and examples for your views.

Make sure that you:

- compare and contrast arguments.
- use *it* clauses + passive to say what people think.
- avoid errors with *affect* and *effect*.

Sample Answer

It has been said that young people are becoming too dependent on technology such as computers, tablets, and cell phones. While this may be true to some extent, it is also generally accepted that there are clear benefits that support young people's education and development.

It is widely recognized that laptops or tablets in the classroom and Internet access in schools provide more and more learning opportunities. This technology also allows young people to communicate with people around the world, which may teach them new ways to socialize and to learn about places and cultures.

On the other hand, parents and teachers should be aware of possible concerns with technology. It can be a distraction from important activities such as homework. It has also been suggested that young people may not develop appropriate social skills because they communicate only via cell phones and social networking sites.

These potential negative effects of technology are real concerns. Nevertheless, overall, I believe that the positive effects of these technologies on young people's development outweigh the negative effects.