

Topic

Using a computer everyday can have more negative than positive effects on young children.

Do you agree or disagree?

Your Response

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However, one of the major drawback is that it invite many health problems among young children they spent long hours in front of computers which effect on their eyes, obesity is another problem for them. Furthermore it increase gap between parents and their child they spent most of their time on computer rather than talk to their guardian.

In nutshell, I would like to say that even computer has many pros and cons. Parents should fix sometime to use the computer and also restrict on websites.

Correct Grammar Errors

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Improve Word Choice

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Estimated Band Score.

Task Response (TR): 7.

The essay directly addresses the prompt and presents a clear position that computer use has more positive than negative effects on young children. The ideas are relevant, discussing educational benefits and skill development, but the depth could be improved with more specific examples. The format is appropriate for an IELTS Task 2 essay.

- **Relevance to Prompt:** 7
- **Clarity of Position:** 7
- **Depth of Ideas:** 6
- **Appropriateness of Format:** 7
- **Relevant & Specific Examples:** 6
- **Appropriate Word Count:** 9

Coherence & Cohesion (CC): 7.

The essay is generally well-organized with a clear introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion. However, the connection between ideas could be stronger, and some paragraphs lack sufficient development or clear topic sentences. The use of cohesive devices is present but could be more varied and effective.

- **Logical Organization:** 7
- **Effective Introduction & Conclusion:** 7
- **Supported Main Points:** 6
- **Cohesive Devices Usage:** 6
- **Paragraphing:** 7

Grammatical Range & Accuracy (GRA): 6.

The essay demonstrates a range of sentence structures, but there are frequent grammatical errors and inaccuracies in syntax, such as "Computer become a integral part," "improve there skills," and "invite many health problems." Punctuation is generally adequate but could be more precise.

- **Sentence Structure Variety:** 6
- **Grammar Accuracy:** 5
- **Punctuation Usage:** 6

Lexical Resource (LR): 5.

The vocabulary used is adequate for the topic, with some attempts at more formal language like "integral part" and "kith-kin." However, there are instances of imprecise word choice and spelling errors, such as "there skills" instead of "their skills," and "organisations." The range of vocabulary could be expanded.

- **Vocabulary Range:** 6
- **Lexical Accuracy:** 5
- **Spelling and Word Formation:** 5

Est. Overall Band Score: 6.5.

Detailed Assessment

Improve Each Paragraph

INTRODUCTION

"Modern era is technological era. Computer become a integral part of our life. Youngsters use it in many ways. In my opinion it has more positive impacts than negative on young generation."

Comments.

- **Task Response/Task Achievement:** Your opening statement is a bit generic. While it introduces the topic, it doesn't immediately address the prompt directly. To improve, clearly state your position regarding whether the negative or positive effects are more prevalent.
- **Cohesion & Cohesion:** The sentences feel somewhat disconnected. You jump from "technological era" to "computers are integral" without a clear link. Adding a sentence that explicitly connects these ideas would improve flow.
- **Lexical Resource:** "Integral part of our life" is a common phrase but could be replaced with something more sophisticated like "an indispensable facet of modern existence."

- **Grammatical Range & Accuracy:** "Computer become" should be "Computers have become." This is a basic subject-verb agreement issue.

How to rewrite.

"The modern era is undeniably a technological one, and computers have become an indispensable facet of modern existence. While youngsters utilize computers in various ways, in my opinion, the positive impacts on the younger generation outweigh the negative ones."

BODY PARAGRAPH 1

"First of all, Computer help the children in their studies. They search many type of information related to their studies through internet. They get more ideas related to any particular topic which enhance their knowledge."

Comments.

- **Task Response/Task Achievement:** The ideas are quite general. To elevate this paragraph, include a specific example of how computers aid studies. For instance, mention specific educational software or online resources.
- **Coherence & Cohesion:** The paragraph is short and lacks development. Elaborate on *how* searching the internet enhances knowledge. Does it improve research skills? Does it expose them to diverse perspectives?
- **Lexical Resource:** "Many type of information" should be "many types of information."
- **Grammatical Range & Accuracy:** "Computer help the children" should be "Computers help the children."

How to rewrite.

"Firstly, computers significantly aid children in their studies. They can access vast resources online, researching various types of information related to their schoolwork. For example, educational platforms like Khan Academy provide free lessons and exercises, enhancing their understanding of complex topics and fostering independent learning."

BODY PARAGRAPH 2

"Secondly, it helps to improve there skills. With the help of social sites like facebook, twitter they interact with their friends, kith-kin. It helps them to increase their capability to communicate with others. Moreover, they become perfect in their work, they become literate in computer. Which would help them in their career also. Then everywhere is demand of computer it would helps to organisations to find perfect match for job. Then, they need not to trained staff, they can get efficient persons."

Comments.

- **Task Response/Task Achievement:** The paragraph attempts to cover too much ground – social skills, computer literacy, career benefits. Focus on *one* aspect to develop it more fully. The claim that social sites help improve skills is debatable and needs more justification.
- **Coherence & Cohesion:** The paragraph jumps between different aspects - social skills, computer literacy, and job prospects - making it disjointed. Choose one focus and stick to it. The logic connecting social media interaction to increased communication capability needs to be strengthened.
- **Lexical Resource:** "There skills" should be "their skills." "Kith-kin" is somewhat archaic; consider using "relatives" or "family and friends".
- **Grammatical Range & Accuracy:** There are several grammatical errors: "they become perfect," "everywhere is demand," "it would helps."

How to rewrite.

"Secondly, computers significantly enhance children's computer literacy, a crucial skill in today's world. As they navigate various software applications and online platforms, they develop a practical understanding of technology. This early exposure makes them proficient users, giving them a distinct advantage in future academic and professional pursuits, as employers increasingly seek digitally adept individuals."

BODY PARAGRAPH 3

"However, one of the major drawback is that it invite many health problems among young children they spent long hours in front of computers which effect on their eyes, obesity is another problem for them. Furthermore it increase gap between parents and their child they spent most of their time on computer rather than talk to their guardian."

Comments.

- **Task Response/Task Achievement:** The drawbacks mentioned are valid, but the connections could be stronger. For example, explain *how* excessive screen time affects the eyes. Also, "increase gap" is vague; specify what aspects of the parent-child relationship are affected.
- **Coherence & Cohesion:** The paragraph feels slightly disjointed. The link between eye problems and obesity could be clearer. Group similar ideas together to improve flow.
- **Lexical Resource:** "Drawback is that it invite" should be "drawbacks are that they invite". "Effect on their eyes" should be "affect their eyes".
- **Grammatical Range & Accuracy:** Errors like "they spent" (should be "they spend") and "talk to their guardian" (should be "talk to their guardians") need correction.

How to rewrite.

"However, one of the significant drawbacks is that excessive computer use can invite health problems. Young children who spend long hours in front of screens are susceptible to eye strain, leading to potential vision problems. Furthermore, a sedentary lifestyle coupled with screen time contributes to increasing rates of childhood obesity. This excessive focus on computers can also increase the emotional gap between parents and their children, as they spend more time online than engaging in face-to-face interactions with their guardians."

CONCLUSION

"In nutshell, I would like to say that even computer has many pros and cons. Parents should fix sometime to use the computer and also restrict on websites."

Comments.

- **Task Response/Task Achievement:** The conclusion is weak and doesn't strongly reiterate your stance. Instead, it offers generic advice. Restate your opinion clearly and summarize your main points.
- **Coherence & Cohesion:** The advice about parental control feels tacked on. It doesn't logically flow from the preceding points.
- **Lexical Resource:** "In nutshell" is too informal. Replace it with "In conclusion" or "To summarise."
- **Grammatical Range & Accuracy:** "Even computer has" should be "Even though computers have." "Fix sometime" should be "fix a time" or "allocate time."

How to rewrite.

"In conclusion, even though computers present certain disadvantages, the benefits for young children undoubtedly outweigh the drawbacks. By providing access to educational resources, fostering essential technical skills, and enabling new forms of communication, computers offer invaluable opportunities for growth and development. Therefore, it is crucial for parents to guide and monitor computer usage, rather than restrict it entirely."

Improve Structure & Argument

TASK TYPE

Opinion: Agree or Disagree

KEY TIPS

- **Strong Stance:** Take a clear position (agree or disagree) in the introduction and consistently maintain it throughout the essay. Avoid sitting on the fence, as this weakens your argument.
- **Specific Examples:** Support your arguments with concrete examples. Instead of saying "computers help with studies," specify *how* they help (e.g., access to online libraries, interactive learning software).
- **Counter-Argument and Rebuttal:** Acknowledge the opposing viewpoint (negative impacts) but then effectively refute it, explaining why the positive impacts are ultimately more significant.

RECOMMENDED ESSAY OUTLINE/STRUCTURE

- **Introduction:**
 - Start with a general statement about the prevalence of computers in modern life.
 - Clearly state your opinion: do you agree or disagree that the negative effects outweigh the positive effects on young children?
 - *Example topic sentence:* "While concerns exist regarding the potential downsides of computer use for young children, I firmly believe that the positive impacts on their education, skill development and future opportunities are ultimately more significant."
- **Body Paragraph 1: Positive Impact 1 (e.g., Education)**
 - Topic sentence: Introduce the first positive impact.
 - *Example topic sentence:* "One of the most significant benefits of computer use for young children is the enhanced access to educational resources and learning opportunities."
 - Explain how computers help in education.
 - Provide a specific example (e.g., Khan Academy, educational games).
 - Explain the positive outcome of this benefit.
- **Body Paragraph 2: Positive Impact 2 (e.g., Skills)**
 - Topic sentence: Introduce the second positive impact.
 - *Example topic sentence:* "Beyond academic benefits, computers play a crucial role in developing essential skills for young children in an increasingly digital world."
 - Explain how computers help in developing skills. Focus on ONE skill (e.g. computer literacy).
 - Provide a specific example
 - Explain the positive outcome of this skill.
- **Body Paragraph 3: Acknowledge Negative Impacts and Rebut**
 - Topic sentence: Acknowledge the opposing view.

- *Example topic sentence:* "It is important to acknowledge the potential negative effects of excessive computer use, such as health concerns and social isolation."
 - Briefly explain the negative impacts.
 - **Rebuttal:** Explain why these negative impacts are not as significant as the positive impacts, or how they can be mitigated. Explain how parental guidance & controls alleviate these risks.
- **Conclusion:**
 - Restate your opinion clearly and concisely.
 - Summarize your main points (the positive impacts).
 - End with a concluding thought or suggestion.

Relevant Vocabulary

New Word	Word Type	Definition
Digital Native	Noun	A person born or brought up during the age of digital technology.
Technological Proficiency	Noun	Competency in using technology.
Virtual Learning	Noun	Learning conducted via the internet.
Sedentary	Adjective	Involving little physical activity.
Cyberbullying	Noun	Bullying that takes place online.
Ergonomics	Noun	The study of people's efficiency in their working environment.
Cognitive Skills	Noun	Mental abilities related to thinking, learning, and remembering.
Information Literacy	Noun	The ability to find, evaluate, and use information effectively.
Gamification	Noun	The application of game-design elements in non-game contexts.
Screen Time	Noun	The amount of time spent using a device with a screen.

Diversify Sentence Structures

Grammar Structure	Original Sentence	Rephrased Sentence
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Complex Sentence (Adverbial Clause): Although + clause, main clause	<i>Even computer has many pros and cons.</i>	<i>Although computers present both advantages and disadvantages, their overall impact on youngsters is largely favorable.</i>
Inversion: Rarely + Auxiliary Verb + Subject + Main Verb	<i>Then everywhere is demand of computer it would helps to organisations to find perfect match for job.</i>	<i>Rarely has there been such a pervasive demand for computer literacy, enabling organizations to readily identify ideal job candidates.</i>
Relative Clause: Which + Clause	<i>Which would help them in their career also.</i>	<i>A competence which will undoubtedly benefit their future career prospects.</i>
Passive Voice: Be + Past Participle	<i>Computer become a integral part of our life.</i>	<i>Computers have become an integral part of our lives.</i>
Compound Sentence: Independent clause + coordinating conjunction + independent clause	<i>Parents should fix sometime to use the computer and also restrict on websites.</i>	<i>Parents should not only allocate specific times for computer usage but also implement restrictions on accessible websites.</i>

Improve Cohesion

Original Text	Improved Text	Explanation
First of all, Computer help the children in their studies. They search many type of information related to their studies through internet. They get more ideas related to any particular topic which enhance their knowledge.	First of all, computers help children in their studies. By searching for information online, they gain access to a multitude of ideas related to various topics, thereby enhancing their knowledge.	By replacing "which" with "thereby," we create a stronger cause-and-effect relationship between gaining ideas and enhancing knowledge.
Secondly, it helps to improve there skills. With the help of social sites like facebook, twitter they interact with their friends, kith-kin.	Secondly, it helps to improve their skills. Through social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter, they interact with their friends and relatives.	"Through" is a more concise and direct way to indicate the means by which they interact.
Moreover, they become perfect in their work, they become literate in computer. Which would help them in their career also.	Moreover, they become proficient in their work and computer literate, skills that will prove invaluable in their future careers.	"Skills that" provides a clearer connection between computer literacy and its benefit to their careers.

However, one of the major drawback is that it invite many health problems among young children they spent long hours in front of computers which effect on their eyes, obesity is another problem for them.	However, a major drawback is that excessive computer usage invites numerous health problems among young children. Spending long hours in front of computers can affect their eyes, and obesity is another concern.	Breaking the long sentence into two shorter sentences improves readability and flow.
In nutshell, I would like to say that even computer has many pros and cons.	In conclusion, I would like to say that although computers have both advantages and disadvantages.	"Although" creates a more direct contrast between the pros and cons, strengthening the concession.

Model Essays

Revised Essay.

Vocabulary Level: Band 7.0–8.0 (Advanced but natural).

The modern era is undeniably a technological one, and computers have become an integral part of our lives. Youngsters utilize them in myriad ways. In my opinion, computers have more positive effects than negative ones on the younger generation.

First of all, computers aid children in their studies. They can research various types of information related to their schoolwork through the internet. They gain a wider range of perspectives on any particular topic, which enhances their knowledge base significantly.

Secondly, computers help to improve children's skills. Through social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, they interact with friends and relatives, which helps them increase their ability to communicate with others. Moreover, they often become proficient in computer-related tasks, developing valuable computer literacy. This can greatly benefit their future careers. In today's job market, there is a high demand for computer skills, enabling organizations to find ideal candidates. Companies can then avoid the costs of staff training by hiring these efficient individuals.

However, a major drawback is the potential for various health problems among young children. Spending long hours in front of computers can negatively affect their eyesight, and can contribute to obesity. Furthermore, it can increase the communication gap between parents and their children, as children may spend more time on the computer than interacting with their guardians.

In conclusion, I would like to say that while computers have both advantages and disadvantages, parents should set time limits for computer use and also implement restrictions on website access to mitigate the potential negative impacts.

Band 8.0 - 9.0 Sample Essay.

Vocabulary Level: Band 8.0 - 9.0.

The proliferation of computers in modern society is undeniable, particularly amongst younger generations. While concerns exist about the potential downsides, I believe the advantages of daily computer use for young children considerably outweigh the disadvantages, provided it is properly managed.

Firstly, computers provide unparalleled access to information and educational resources. The internet serves as a vast repository of knowledge, allowing children to explore subjects in greater depth than traditional textbooks allow. Interactive learning platforms and educational games can make learning more engaging and effective, fostering a genuine interest in academic pursuits. This enhanced access to information empowers them to become self-directed learners, a crucial skill in today's rapidly evolving world.

Secondly, computer use cultivates essential skills for the 21st century. Proficiency in digital technologies is increasingly vital in education and the workplace. Early exposure to computers equips children with the ability to navigate complex software, analyze data, and communicate effectively online. Furthermore, it nurtures creativity through opportunities for digital art, music production, and video editing. These skills are not only valuable for future career prospects but also empower children to express themselves and connect with others in meaningful ways.

Admittedly, excessive computer use can lead to certain health and social problems. Prolonged screen time may contribute to eye strain, sleep disturbances, and sedentary lifestyles, potentially increasing the risk of obesity. Moreover, it may limit opportunities for face-to-face interaction and outdoor activities, potentially hindering social development. However, these negative effects can be mitigated through parental guidance and responsible usage habits. Setting time limits, encouraging physical activity, and promoting balanced digital and offline interactions are crucial strategies for safeguarding children's well-being.

In conclusion, while potential pitfalls exist, the benefits of daily computer use for young children are undeniable. By harnessing the power of technology responsibly and fostering a healthy balance between online and offline activities, we can empower children to thrive in the digital age and unlock their full potential.