

Computers (the pros and cons)

Pros	Cons
1) We need computers everywhere. Pupils and students use computers to write reports, to find information they need, to make new friends with the help of the Internet, to write compositions, etc. 2) Storing information on computer disks is one of the most efficient ways of keeping data. 3) Computers save time. Stored information can be found at the touch of a button. 4) The main use of the Internet is to find information for your schoolwork or job, or just to find out more about your hobbies, sports or current events. 5) It's much faster and easier to surf the Net in search of information from all over the world than to travel to libraries in dozen of countries. A computer was invented for business people not to waste their time. 6) A computer is also used as an electronic vocabulary. 7) The computer provides us with a pleasant way to relax and spend free time. Many people get rid of their complexes and forget their problems. 8) You can also use the Internet to read newspapers and magazines, play games, plan your holiday or buy from your favourite shop. 9) E-mail makes it possible to send electronic messages anywhere in the world. 10) You can use the Internet to 'chat' with people and make new friends, in this way you can escape from loneliness.	1) The most negative effect of the computer might be people's addiction to it. Many children look at a screen for more hours each day than they do anything else, including studying and sleeping. Addiction to a computer screen is similar to drug or alcohol addiction: people almost never believe they are addicted. 2) Many jobs have been lost due to the fact that computers can do a lot of tasks more efficiently than humans. A lot of people have become unemployed. 3) Computers can cause health problems. Endless hours in front of a screen can cause eyestrain and headache. 4) A computer teaches us not to think ourselves but with the help of the machine. 5) There is too much advertising instead of real information. 6) As for Internet friendships, sitting at home in front of a computer making 'chat friends' is not the same as actually meeting people. 7) For many people the Internet becomes more 'real' than reality, and their own lives seem boring. 8) Some people get upset or depressed when they can't solve problems in real life as quickly as they can do it in internet games. In real life they can't simply press 'escape'. 9) One more disadvantage of the Internet is the absence of information control. Children receive wide access to pornography sites and sites with violence and promoting hate. 10) A computer keeps you away from active life. You sit without movement and don't do sports.