

Emerging Technology

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Hour **2**

- ✓ You will watch the following Ted Talk and respond to the following focus questions.
- ✓ You can access the Talk at the URL address below.
- ✓ You may answer the questions on your own or with a partner.

Sherry Turkle: Connected, but alone? 19:48

As we expect more from technology, do we expect less from each other? Sherry Turkle studies how our devices and online personas are redefining human connection and communication -- and asks us to think deeply about the new kinds of connection we want to have. TED2012, Filmed Feb 2012, Posted Apr 2012 http://www.ted.com/talks/sherry_turkle_alone_together.html

1. According to the Talk, what are the places that technology is taking us to, that we don't want to go?
Technology is taking us to a lonely place, which we all are afraid of.
2. What are some examples of inappropriate use of technology that were mentioned in the Talk?
Robots, lots of phone use, companions that are robots
3. What does Ms. Turkle mean by being "Alone Together"?
People can be together but when separated then can all be alone
4. What does she mean by "Hiding From Each Other"?
We use our screens to connect instead of seeing each other
5. How does "conversation → connection" happen according to the Talk?
When we talk to people we feel connected
6. What concern is raised with kids who would rather "Text than Talk"?
The kids are relying on technology to reach out to people and they are losing their skills to talk in person.
7. What impact does the feeling that "No one is listening" have on people?
When "no one is listening" we tend to seek out to people, we feel lonely and alone that we have to need to have to talk to other people.
8. Why are people tempted by machines that offer companionship?
They do not want to be alone so they get a robot to "comfort them"
9. Why are people expecting more from Technology and less from each other?
Technology seems to be always there when people aren't
10. What is the illusion of companionship without the demands of friendship?
Using the process of connecting through social life/ robots
11. What are the 3 things mentioned in the Talk, that we all want, in order to be comfortable and in control?
We all want to be connected, not alone, and to feel like we are being heard. These three things can lead to solitude when not accomplished

12. Being alone feels like a problem that needs to be solved, the Talk mentions the concept of “I share therefore I am”. Explain what the following perceptions mean:

➤ I have a feeling → I want to make a call (*past*)

➤ I want to have a feeling → I need to send a text (*current*)

This means that now people share their feeling through text instead of calling, people are afraid of talking to others so they use a screen and texts instead.

13. How does “connection → isolation” happen according to the Talk?

When you are connected to the social world to much you are open to be isolated because connection will not always be there.

14. According to the Talk, “solitude is where you find yourself before you reach out to know someone else”. What do they/you see as the power of this statement?

This statement means you will be alone until you find someone else to be with

15. How would you explain the following statement from the Talk, “If we don’t teach our children to be alone, they will only know how to be lonely”.

If kids are not taught to be alone, they will not know what to do if they are left alone, they will be lonely.

16. How do we make our actual/real life, the life we love?

We put ourselves around the people we like and we stay connected to things we love to do

17. Write three additional thoughts/reactions that you had to the Talk.

In my opinion this is a very strong and well backed up argument that technology is taking over and we should not be using tech so much.

I also think that the argument about having a robotic companion has a a lot of emotional meaning because I agree when she says we cannot replace people we love

Entrepreneurs and scientist may hate these arguments because in they view technology can save the world