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The Impact of Technology on Family Life

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Nowadays parents always moan about their children being too obsessed with computers, TVs, videogames… And at the same time, teenagers are lamenting that their parents do not understand their wants. They continuously ask for the latest technology, using excuses like, "My old computer can't support the latest system and software," or "Without the latest model of phones, I can't keep up with the pace of society." Either side has their own story to tell, but neither of them is willing to listen, causing a gap between them.

In this society, technology is developing at a rapid rate. Not only are teenagers looking for what is new, but even parents are influenced. And what happens after they have bought the latest model? Of course they want to spend more time with it, checking out the new stuff. But in the end, they always tend to spend just too much time with the machine, rather than those who are the closest to them, their family! Yes, it is technology that intrudes into family life, how ridiculous it is to see that it is technology that gets in the way between the parents and children.

Technology is doubtlessly a great invention, but it causes teenagers to get so obsessed that they tend to forget about their dear family members. To be honest, how much time do you spend on technology? Do you even tell your parents about your school life, like you once did when you were a kid, and still didn't know what PSP was? The effects of technology is great, because it stimulates the stubbornness of both sides, and eventually causing a scene that I am pretty sure all of us have seen before, arguing, shouting, door slamming… But to avoid arguments, some teenagers may think that this is possible by not chatting at all, with no interactions, meaning no time to yell. However, it also ends up in no conversation at home. What kind of 'family' would this be?

Although technology makes our lives easier and more convenient, its rapid development, as well as the change in teenagers' way of thinking, has actually caused chaos in families. In the end what is left is just a father sitting there eating dinner alone, the son holding a videogame in his hand, the mother staring at the TV, the daughter lying on the sofa chatting on the phone. Picture this, and you will start to regret the first time you installed all these machines at home!

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