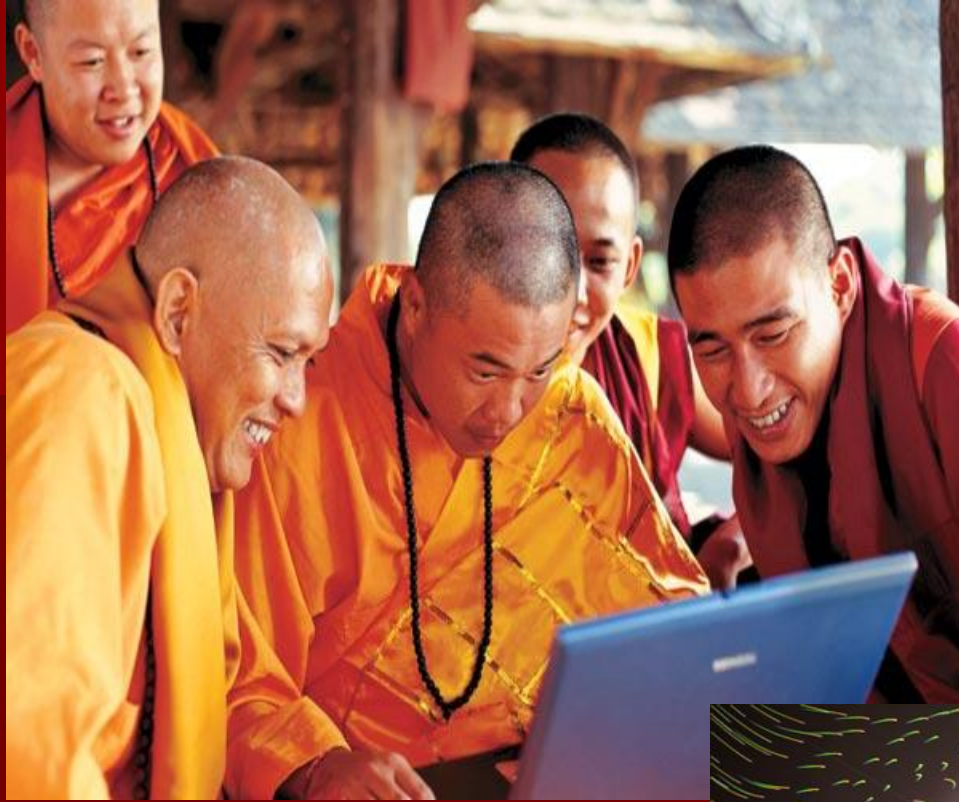




Technology has had a very positive influence on our lives. For example, the world has become a smaller place because now we can use the Internet and satellite phones to keep in touch with people all over the world.





Communication has been made much easier. Also, information can be spread all over the world on the Internet.





- Office work has become much faster, too, as these days everyone uses computers in the workplace. People can do more creative jobs because they have computers to help them.



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- Nowadays, machines do all the boring mechanized jobs, so people don't have to do them anymore. Technology has also given us cheap means of entertainment.



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- Technology brought about advances in all aspects of life. Scientists have found cures for diseases, because technology has enabled them to do more research. Life has been made much better for everyone.



■ The disadvantages of technology are that people have become less sociable. Now that they can chat online and entertain themselves in the home, they do not bother to go out and meet people as much as they used to.