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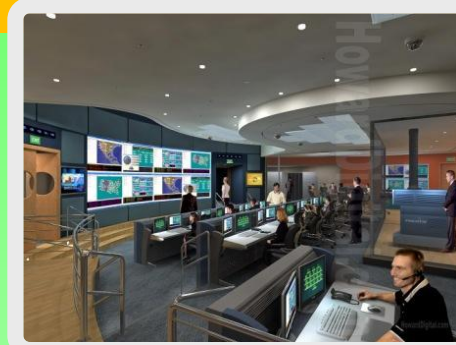


Computers: pros and cons



Computers are used in every sphere of our life

IN BUSINESS



IN EDUCATION



IN MEDICINE



IN FLYING PLANES



- We live at the time when information is the key and engine of progress. 60 years ago people didn't even heard of computers, and today we can't imagine our life without them. Computer industry is one of the world's main industries. It is always developing and never stands still. Computers play a very important role in our life. They are used by people of all ages: from teens to professional businessmen. We can't imagine our modern school without using a computer.



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- We can make projects, slide-shows and even films at our lessons with the help of computers. Pupils can use computers to prepare reports, to find information they need, to write compositions, to find new friends with the help of the Internet. The computer is also used as an electronic vocabulary. It is made for people who have no time to look up for translations or explanation of words in the dictionary.
- I think computers were invented as machines for business people not to waste their time. They save a lot of time. They seldom make mistakes. It's much faster and easier to use the Internet than to go to the library.



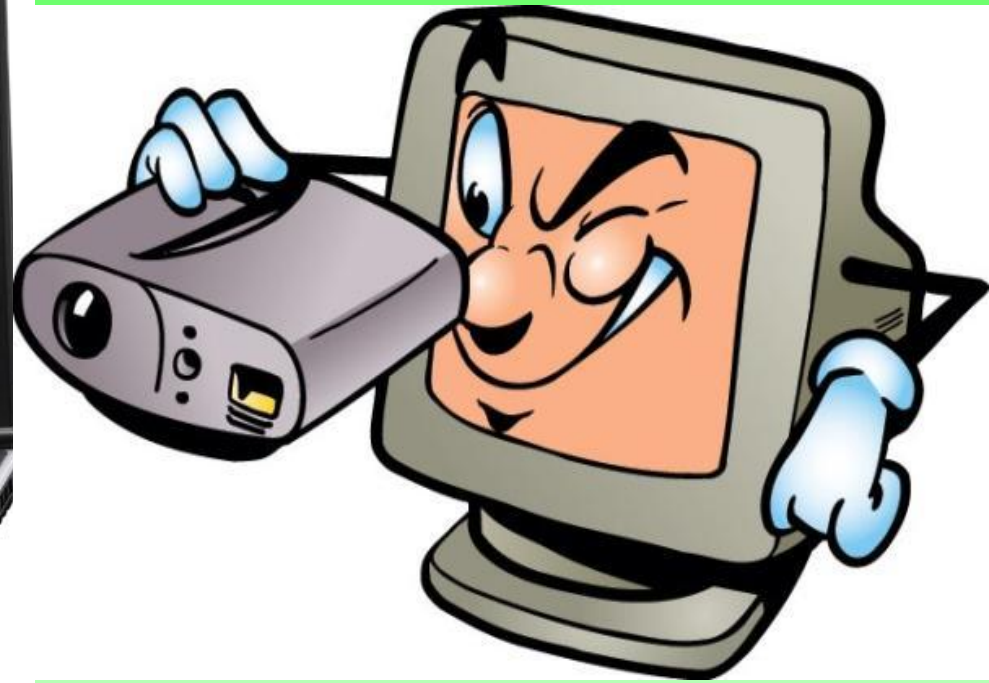
- E-mail is a great invention, too.
- It's faster than sending a letter and cheaper than sending a telegram.
- Secondly, it is indispensable for people who communicate frequently with their relatives and friends from other countries. And also the Internet helps to make friends all over the world. You can virtually visit different countries, cities, museums. You can play games and take part in conferences together with people from different countries. The Internet can completely replace such communication facilities as telephony and mail.



OVERCLOCKING

You're doing it wrong

- But the Internet carries not only "pluses". There are some negative sides of the Web. First of all, it is connected with the health: it affects eyesight, if we use for a long time, different measles of the back or joints may appear.
- Some people may become nervous, lose their contacts with people surrounding them. They lose their conception of real life. Hackers arouse lots of troubles: the Internet hooligans are interfering in lots of programs, breaking computers, dilating viruses, breaking open even federal governmental sites.



- The Internet and virtual reality will never be able to replace real relationships between people.
- Many friends tell that computer is their best friend. We can't understand how a nothing-feeling machine can be somebody's friend. In conclusion, we'd like to say that computers and the Internet are splendid medium if getting information and communication but nobody and nothing is able to replace our devoted friends, family and other vital values.

The personal computer is everywhere and today it is hard to imagine our lives without it. The students here at **Lynnwood Elementary, WA do not know a world without computers in it. But is the computer really my friend? Here are some thoughts by our 6th graders:**

Why is computer my friend?



Easier to type and make corrections
You can read, learn to type and study. It helps do things faster. The computer can do more and more.
Allows you to connect to other people online
Using computer for games is fun

Why Not?



You need electricity, a computer and a computer connection to do things online (that could get expensive)
It can freeze, be infected with computer viruses that can damage the computer.
Sometimes it can even lose data.



The Internet can help us do Research faster with powerful search engines like Google

Computers can help to do some tasks easier

Computers can be used to write and talk to people online which is nice when people are far away

Computers can do many things: see pictures, watch videos, visit different cities and even countries without having to travel

Computers can be used for entertainment

Computers can be used for shopping and comparing things online

You can pay with a credit card



Online is not the same as in person
Games can become an addiction

We can become too dependent upon it

Not all internet sites are reliable.
Some internet sites are confusing, some are really bad.

Computers take away family time
It can never replace the personal contact face to face

Using computer too much is can hurt your eyes and your brain (gives you headaches).

Online visits can be interesting, but it is not the same as being there for real

It take away time from doing other things like sports and being active and get some fresh air.

Social Networking like Facebook is a fun way to communicate and share information.

It makes it easy to communicate with friends especially when they live in a different state or a different country.

Computer can keep you busy when you are bored

The computer can be very useful if you use it wisely. It can improve your reading skills, search for books and reviews, search the news, type papers and use programs that help you do things faster, but only if you know how to use it well.

In the end, we have to remember that the computer is only a machine.



The more you buy things online, the more offers and advertising you receive.

You have to be careful because some hackers may get your credit card information

The information you provide is not always secure and could be used against you when you want to apply for a job. The computer can be a danger if you let the computer take over your life. Computer will never be human and will not replace family or friend that you can really talk to, play with,

eat with and have real conversations with. It will remain a machine that is not alive



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- So, a computer can become a friend or an enemy. It depends on us.

