Unit 3A: How I use technology at home and school

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My name is Sekariya and I'm 16 years old, I go to a school called Highlands and my main hobbies that keep me busy at home during my leisure time are watching TV or either going on the computer to use Msn and Hotmail.

Here is a list of technology I use at home:

- Mobile Phone
- Alarm Clock
- Television
- Laptop
- Stereo
- MP3

Technology I use	Category	Personal/Social/School Related	Where?	Description
Mobile Phone	Communication	Personal & Social	Anywhere	I use it to communicate with my friends and family.
Alarm Clock	Alarm	Personal	Bedroom	I use it to wake me up at a specific time.
Television	Entertainment	Personal	Living Room & Bedroom	I use it to keep me entertained or to seek knowledge.
Laptop	Personal Computer	Personal, Social & School Related	Anywhere	I use it to, do my homework/coursework, and chat with my friends and also to play games.
Stereo	Entertainment	Personal	Bedroom	I use it to listen to my music.
MP3	Entertainment	Personal	Anywhere	I use it to keep me entertained through my journeys.

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Mobile Phone - I use my mobile phone most of the time just to text, phone or even check the clock, it also allows me to send pictures to my friends from nearly every where.

This technology has helped me to communicate much faster with my friends and families, as well as text, play games and go on the internet.

Advantages:

-Quicker to communicate
-Entertainment
-Easier to send messages
-Wireless
-Built in Camera
-Radio
-Internet

Disadvantages:

-No signal
-Radiation
-Damage to ear
-Dangerous while driving
-Expensive
-Battery
-Loss of privacy

Alarm Clock – Everyday, I need to use my alarm clock to either wake me up or remind me. When the alarm clock goes off I can click the snooze button to not only turn the alarm off, but to come on once again in 9 minutes until I turn it off.

Without this technology I wouldn't be able to get out of bed by myself, this technology made it easier for me to plan the time I want to wake up. It also puts me in a good mood with the morning radio.

Advantages:

-Radio
-Alarm
-Snooze button
-Plug in
-Battery Free

Disadvantages:

- Broken Fuse
- Wrong timing
- Faulty alarm
- No signal for radio
- Power Cut

Television – I mainly watch TV everyday, it helps me to know what's happening on the other side of the world through the news Or I'll chill out and watch some entertainment.

TV has changed the life's of people in the 20th century, without it news would have have reached people very slowly, also it people learn from what they see on the TV Whether its entertainment, social or reality

Advantages: Disadvantages:

-Information   -Programmes (may not be suitable for Kids)
-Entertainment   -Bad for eye's
-Knowledge   -Addictive
-Up-to-date news   -Not wireless
-Education   - Time wasting
-Communication   - Expensive

Laptop – I use my laptop for many reasons, I use it to talk to my friends on MSN, or to Do my homework or coursework or watch Movie Previews.

This is the one technology I use the most, without it would have been hard for me to Communicate with my friends, finish of my Homework and coursework, or watch Movie Previews that I missed.

Advantages: Disadvantages:

-Internet   -Battery
-Communication   -Unsaved Data can get lost
-Movies   - No internet connection
-Complete Homework/Coursework   - Faulty Screen
-Play Games   - Virus
-Database   - Expensive

Stereo - This technology is in my daily life, I use it to listen to my music, and sometimes the radio, when I'm cleaning my room.

Although I use this technology in my daily life, I still can manage without it as there is Laptop which has the means of Radio and a music player.

Advantages:

-News updated on radio much quicker than TV
-Listen to favourite tracks
-Shuffle songs
-Skip Tracks
-Dolby Digital Sound   Speakers
-Tape Player

Disadvantages:

-Changing fuses
-Power Cut
-Faulty Speakers
-Stuck Tape
-Broken Lens
-Easily damaged

Mp3 – This technology I use whenever I'm on a journey, I use it mainly to listen to my favorite music. Sometimes I use it as my USB.

This technology has an effect in my life But I can live without it since I use only to listen to music and use it as a USB.

Advantages:

-Music
-USB
-Microphone
-Display screen

Disadvantages:

-Batteries
-Easily Damaged
-Damage to ear
-Small memory

How I personally use these technology:

Mobile Phone – I personally use this technology everyday, I use it to communicate, text and entertain myself with the games. The model of phone is Sony Erricson, for me it is easier to use than any other phone as it's stylish and simple, for example if I need to use the alarm, all I have to do is go to my shortcuts with one button and click the alarm on and edit the time. But it does have its advantages and disadvantages, e.g. the advantage of using the technology personally is that I can text, call and play games where as on the other hand the disadvantage is that it can have no signal, meaning that I cannot call, nor text. I have to say I cannot manage without this technology, for it had made things much easier for me, e.g. instead of wasting my energy of sending messages by hand, the mobile has made it simple, you can send messages wherever you are without having to do much.

Alarm Clock – I also too use this technology personally everyday since I need it to wake up at a specific time e.g. I need to wake up for school and so I set the alarm clock to ring at 6:00 and it does. My alarm clock has a radio with it, so I can listen to the radio when I'm going to sleep as well as when I wake up. The advantages of the alarm clock, is that it stops you from worrying of how you're going to wake up, however the disadvantage is that the fuse can break anytime and you don't know when, because if the fuse breaks before you're alarm goes off then, the alarm won't work unless its plugged in with a new fuse.

T.V. – Everyday I use this technology no doubt, I use it to watch the news in the morning, or watch my favorite series just before I go to school. The model of my TV is Sharp; it's easy to use as it has the buttons under a flap, if you lose the remote. This technology has plenty of advantages and disadvantages, the advantages are that it can educate people and they can know the news of the world, for me the best advantage is it entertains; it saves me a lot more money to entertain myself rather than pay to watch a show. The disadvantages are as well as good as the advantages, the disadvantages of TV is that it's bad for the eyes, also it can be addictive if watched for more than 2 hours a day, as there is other important stuff to do .e.g.
I go to school, and if I watched TV for more than 2 hours it would make me forget the stuff which I needed to do like my coursework.

Laptop – If I'm not watching TV, then I'm either on my laptop, I use it for many things such as games, entertainment, coursework/homework, learning and information. The model of my laptop is dell; I find it very useful as I can charge it when the battery is low and if the battery is full I can take it with me either to my room or out. Like many other technology's, the laptop has its advantages and disadvantages e.g. the disadvantage is that the battery can run out and the whole computer switches off regardless of weather you saved it or not, on the other hand you could do beneficial activities on the computer such as Bite size for revision or Microsoft Word for homework/coursework. I have to say that I cannot manage without this technology as it has helped me for a lot of stuff easily and quickly, on the contradictory I can also manage with this technology and use the old method e.g. going out and searching for information and collecting information for my homework/coursework.

Stereo – This technology I use, when I'm not that busy. I use it to listen to my music if not music, the radio. Also this technology has advantages and disadvantages. The advantages of a stereo is that you can listen to your music anytime almost anywhere, where as the disadvantage is that the lens may be damaged, and you may not listen to your favorite CD. The model of my stereo is Sharp, it has a 3 CD holding CD player, I can put in any 3 CD's init then after I press the

button turn and it turns to the next CD and all I do is press play and it will play. I can manage without this technology but it has had an affect in my life.

MP3 - I use this technology mainly whenever I'm out, I also use it as a USB sometimes whenever I forget or lose my actual USB. The advantages of this technology are that you can put on any music compatible with the MP3 according to the memory. The disadvantage on the other hand is that if your USB connector is lost or if it has the USB connector on with it is broken then you cannot put music anymore thus you have to buy another MP3. I can manage without this technology but also this too has had an effect on my life since I use it on my journeys.

How I socially use these technology:

Mobile Phone – I rarely use this phone socially because I don't want to attract attention, since someone might wrong me and take it, but I use sometimes, when I really need to text my friends to find out where they are, or call my parents. It comes in handy when using it socially, because if an accident happened and you need to call the emergency helpline as quick as possible, then all you have to do is use your mobile phone and quickly call an ambulance. The disadvantage is that if dropped on the pavement it may get damaged and not work anymore, making you buys another mobile phone. The advantage of using it socially is that it could save someone's life if they are in trouble. I cannot manage without this technology socially, because I know I may need it one day, for calling the emergency helpline or to call my parents if I'm lost.

Alarm Clock – I don't really use the alarm clock socially, it's because I don't use the technology outside of the house. How ever it can be used socially like reminding yourself that you have something to do, the advantage of this technology is that its battery free, you can plug it in the socket with ease, but the disadvantage is that it can have a power cut anytime. I can manage without this technology, because I can find other ways of waking myself up, but on the other hand it has made my choice easier.

T.V. – I can't take my TV with me; I barely use it socially since I'm at school, but my school does have a TV. The purpose for a TV in my school is not as you would do at home, but that of a way of education. My school has a lot of TV, even in the library. The advantage of having a TV socially is that you can learn from what is shown for example a history documentary for history, but the disadvantage is that it makes pupils lazy and less more active. I cannot manage without this technology socially because it has had an impact on the school and the children that attend the school, it not only makes it fun but it educates them as well.

Laptop – I sometimes take my laptop with me when ever I'm with my dad at the coffee shop, how ever it can sometimes become dangerous as there's thief's, looking for victims. The advantage of using a laptop socially is that you can get more focused on your work in a coffee shop or library than at home because, at home you tend to feel less focused as there is a family around you and other problems. The disadvantage of using a laptop socially is that you are always a victim for thieves, if you leave your laptop anywhere by mistake there is a chance that it might go missing.

Stereo – I rarely use the stereo socially, because for me it's a home technology. But on the other hand people do use this technology socially e.g. dance classes or relaxation classes. The advantage of using this technology is that you can use it as learning equipment, for example the dance class needs music to dance with, you can easily use the stereo for the music and teach

people how to dance, but the disadvantage is that he lens may be damaged and thus cannot play any music. Some people cannot manage without this technology as it's a key equipment for them, fro example, dance classes, yoga etc.

MP3 – I use this technology everyday, it entertains me socially, because whenever I'm on a journey I get a bit bored and all I have to do is get my MP3 out and press the play button. The model of my MP3 is walkman, it is very stylish and easy to use, the advantage of using this technology socially is that it entertain, without the needs of a plug, you can listen to music wherever you go, although this is the advantage, the disadvantage is that it can run out of battery when you have no more battery's left or have no charge. I cannot manage without this technology as it keeps me going while I'm on my journey.

How I use these technology in school:

Mobile Phone – I'm not really allowed to use mobile phones at school, but I have used it at one point where I really needed to, and that was because I was lost and so used my mobile phone to call my parents. The advantage of using a mobile phone in school is that you can call or send a text to your parents if you are lost from school or you had forgotten your lunch, but the disadvantage is that, there could always be no signal. Luckily my school has a pay phone if you end up losing, your phone or you simply don't have one. I cannot manage with out this technology as it can help me through out my life, e.g. calling the ambulance when needed one.

Alarm Clock – I really don't use an alarm clock in school, as it doesn't need to be used at that time.

T.V. – I do watch TV at my school, but it's not the same when I watch at home, because watching TV at school is either watching a documentary for a lesson or at free lessons, E.g. at the end of half term of the last day, we are allowed to watch a movie of our choice. The advantage of using a TV in school is that you can seek knowledge from it, e.g. watching a documentary for the lesson to help you understand, but the disadvantage is that all the TV's can get broken down and thus watch no documentary, until the TV is fix and that can take a long time. I wouldn't manage without this technology in school because; I find it a fun way of learning when we are watching a documentary on TV, it also helps me to learn a bit more of the lesson.

Laptops – In my school, the teachers are each provided with a laptop, but the pupils however are not, but my school does have computers in which we are allowed to use. The advantage of this is that you can do your homework/coursework on the computer in your free time, but the disadvantage is that their can be no internet connection, and therefore cannot collect information for the subject needed. I couldn't manage without this technology because it has opened up an easy way of finishing homework/coursework and an easy way of getting information.

Stereo – In my old school, my teacher would always put on the stereo. The advantages is that if you can listen to music of your choice, but the biggest disadvantage is that if your teacher lets you, and it's most likely they wont. I can manage without this technology, because it isn't used that much in school, because the teachers in my school have laptops which can also play music.

MP3 – My school doesn't allow MP3 in lessons, because it distracts the student from listening to the teachers, but I do listen to it at break times because my school haven't forbidden it. The

advantage of using this technology at school is that you can use it as a USB, e.g. if you lose your original USB stick, and you saved your work on the computer, then you can get your MP3 USB and save your work on there. The disadvantage is that the USB end can be damaged and thus cannot access your data nor save anything.

Conclusion: In conclusion I thing the technology's above has benefited me in some kind of way, in my school and at home, without these I don't know where I would be. It has had an impact in my life and made things easier for me, but in future I know that these technologies will become much easier.