

Communication

The communication has improved greatly thanks to all the new technologies like mobile phones, internet and satellites.

Mobile phones

We all use mobile phones for communication purposes. You can ring and text people using pay as you go, or contract. Many people choose to go on pay as you go especially teenagers and children as it is the easiest way to control the amount of money is being spent on the calls and texts. The mobile phones are very easy to use and they make our life a lot easier. You get signal pretty much anywhere, therefore using your phone is always possible. Mobile phones are very useful, when for example your car breaks down and you need to call AA, or when you just need to order a taxi. Teenagers use mobiles for texting throughout most of the day. Many of them have unlimited text therefore they can keep in constant contact with their friends. This does however cause some problems, because when the teenagers are in school they get very easily distracted and instead of learning, they text instead.

people use a mobile phone not only for communication purposes; they may use it as a watch, mp3 player, camera, internet browser. All these things are mainly used by the teenagers, as it is normal for them, whereas people from older generations find all of these things weird and they would much more prefer to wear a watch instead of looking at their phone. Teenagers tend to use their phones as mp3 players as they always have their phones on them, and therefore they can always listen to music. Many teenagers are not able to leave their homes without their mobile phones on them, and also if the phone runs out of battery while I am outside I try to find the fastest way to get to someone who has got a charger to my phone. The addiction to your mobile phone may be a big problem in the future life because we start to rely on them more and more. If they would all break at the same time we would struggle a lot.

Overall mobile phones are very good, and they help out in many situations when you need to contact somebody. There are cheap phones with not many options and there are the very expensive ones with many extras like cameras, internet access, therefore anyone will find something for themselves. There are some problems with the mobile phones like the addiction amongst teenagers however people could fight it if they wanted to. Phones have more and more uses therefore fewer things are needed e.g. cameras.

I think that under the communication section falls the problem of languages and how people communicate with each other if they don't know each others languages. I have therefore done some research and found a TV Program 'Click' which was aired on BBC on the 30th of October 2010. This program talked about the different methods of translating Japanese text. They have shown many different translation technologies, one of the first ones that they talked about was the internet ones e.g. Google translate, however the main problem with that was the fact that you had to know how to type in Japanese letters, unless you could copy and paste the text. There was another problem, the translations may have not been very accurate as Google translate is modified by the Google users. Software which they have talked about

was an app for iPod touch where you can draw different Japanese symbols and it would tell you what they are, however you need to know the stroke order. The device that they liked the most was called Quicktionary which reads separate words and then gives you a dictionary description of its meanings.

All of the above technologies are designed to help people communicate with each other whatever their language is. There are still many problems with every single one of those however as the technology proceeds they will slowly disappear.