

Nowadays the way people **interact with each other has changed** because of **technology**. **In what ways** has technology affected **the types of relationships** people make? Has this become **a positive or negative** development?

Gone are the days when communication was merely face-to-face or through mails. The ubiquity of technology, which offers many alternatives to traditional means of communication, has profoundly influenced relationships. A phenomenon which in my opinion is completely positive.

As 21st century has been accompanied by technologies, several aspects of people's interactions has been altered. Firstly, people use their mobile devices instead of less convenient methods such as letters or telegrams to interact with one another. Take WhatsApp or Viber as an example of mobile phone applications that have provided people with long hours of video calls or voice calls cheaply. Compare the quality of people's interactions in the past, when mobile phones ~~have had~~ not been invented yet and the only way to make calls was through ones stuck to the walls, with their present unlimited access to the wide ranges of communication devices. In addition to that, easy access to the internet as an epitome of recent technologies, brought about a virtual ground that people can meet each other in and establish friendships. For instance, using a dating application, Tinder, the youth can search for partners and find the best match among the suggestions, which are based on the ~~member's-members'~~ personal information and the ~~analysis-analyses~~ that have been conducted.

Although sharing personal information in order to get into relationships with people could in some cases lead to cyberbullying or the possibility of telling lies to people is higher as they are not meeting in person, the pros of it must not be neglected. Conceive of a couple trying to maintain their relationship when one of them is studying abroad. They can have access to each other at anytime and anywhere regardless of the far distances. Rarely can one share his life with someone when his partner is unable to know about his routines and daily challenges. The availability and convenience brought about by the internet are exceptional and ~~has have~~ contributed to the higher quality of people's relationships and consequently that of their lives.

In conclusion, although using technology in relationships could have its own threats, and does not have the feel of real interactions, I contend the role it plays

in making people in touch in a less difficult way is the invaluable effect of it on our lives which make it a great development.
