Some people believe that excessive use of modern technologies, such as computers and smartphones, is negatively affecting the reading and writing skills of our young people. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Many subscribe to the belief that limitless access to state-of-the-art technology could contribute to a detrimental effect on adolescents' skills particularly in the fields of reading and writing, whereas extreme use of smart devices may develop other skills. An obvious negative effect of indiscriminate use of modern high-tech devices is that <u>it</u> limits a young person to in following some specific stuffactivities. In other words,

their reading skill is restricted and therefore, this crucial ability could not effectively <u>be</u> enhance<u>d</u> during their golden ages. Whereas adolescents should spend their time on regular practice of reading to become a habit, their minds are h<u>a</u>unted by highly attractive video games and social media; since, it is perceived that the skill of reading requires enormous practice compared to effortless<u>ly</u> watching a video.

Furthermore, the widespread use of modern technology could directly affect motor skills, which are involved in learning to write, as particular muscles should be used during primary schools to activate this part of the brain as well. This means that tablets and phones which generally correct spelling and even autocomplete play a negative role

in developing skills. Another objection is that <u>more and more abbreviations are being</u> <u>used/</u>using texting words starting to shorten; as a result, young people do not tend to acquire the knowledge of writing.

In conclusion, in my view, having unlimited access to modern technology could bring irrecoverable consequences for new generations in both fields of writing and reading. It is incumbent upon parents to manage how their children use the most recent technology and set some rules on how to effectively use them.