

Log on and learn

No more teachers? No more books? For today's kids, the Internet has all the answers.

Gadgets come and go and most of them don't have a very long life. The Internet, however, seems to be here to stay. The World Wide Web is now the largest information resource in the world and teenagers can find more or less anything they want there. They can download music and films, watch TV, listen to the radio, send e-mails and even shop online

In the United States for example, more than 78% of kids go online, according to a recent study. A lot of them are just surfing the Web and instant messaging their friends. But 94% of those online said they also used it for schoolwork. This technology has allowed them to access a vast store of knowledge which was inaccessible before. With online tutoring and virtual schools, technology allows students to get specific help. It is also possible to be a part of a study group or discuss school projects with international e-mail pals. Perhaps more than anything, the Internet search engine Google has changed homework habits across the globe. But the problem is that it is so easy to "copy and paste" that teachers need to change homework assignments or projects every year...

E-learning, which simply means learning online is now becoming one of the most popular uses of the Internet. You can choose your own timetable and you can work at your own pace. This means fewer people will give up their studies because they can't combine studies and work.



Answer the following questions using your own words as far as possible.

1. Does the author think the Internet will be around for long?

2. How can the Internet help students in their schoolwork?

3. What is the negative aspect of the Internet, according to the text?

4. Why is E-learning becoming popular?
