Electronic Dictionaries

There is no doubt that electronic dictionaries are more and more common in our daily life.

We prefer using electronic dictionaries as they have many advantages . First, compared with traditional ones ,they are more convenient and handy,so we can put one into our bag and we can use it to refer to new words everywhere.Second, because of its powerful function, it can not only translate from English to Chinese , but also vice versa.Third,many electronic dictionaries can teach people how to pronounce a word. In addition,we can use electronic dictionaries to store some sample information, such as friends' adresses, e-mail, telephone numbers and so on.

However,everything has two sides.Electronic dictionary can also bring us some negative effects. First, the definitions in the entries are very limited.Second, there are not enough explanations, patterns, or examples to illustrate the correct usage of a word and even sometimes it can cause misunderstanding.And I think the most important one is that the constant use of it can make us too much attached to the dictionary and become lazy.Too often,we use electronic dictionary to look up new words without thinking by ourselves even maybe we have met them before and we are forming a bad study habit which does a lot harm to us.

Therefore,I think we should use electronic dictionary properly.Of course ,every learner should have one dictionary at hand ,because it can help us a lot when we really are in trouble and don’t know what to do.But we should know one point that dictionary is only a kind of tool that help us learn one language better and it is necessary that we should practice what we have learnt ,because practice makes perfect.