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### Netizens

In this text I am going to write about how young people today are growing up as netizens, a person who uses the internet, constantly surrounded by technology through mobile devices and interactive social networking sites. By doing this I will discuss the advantages and the disadvantages of this happening.

There's a lot of good things about growing up with the internet. It makes it easier for kids to learn about important issues in the world which helps them realize that they have a voice they can use to do good. It's also easy to feel alone in an environment where one feels very different from everybody else, and that's where social media has been a huge help. Studies show that social media helps teenagers making friends and keeping them. This helps people in feeling less alone by getting acceptance online from people with similar interests and struggles. Different artists get to express themselves to a larger audience which can help them in making connections with other artists. If they get the right connections, or find the right audience, they can grow bigger and then help other small artists.

Even though there is a lot of advantages with being a netizen, disadvantages come with it as well. Growing up with the world in your hands makes it easy to get overwhelmed with all the dreadful things being shown in the news. Social media can additionally be quite addictive and lead to kids feeling isolated. Their self-esteem can also decrease by seeing the things other people post about their lives, which usually is just all the fun and positive stuff. Another problem on the internet is hate. It spreads extremely easily as there's very easy to stay anonymous and that makes it easier to forget about the consequences about sending it. Not every country has the same amount of access to the internet as the rest of the world which makes differences between people within technology bigger. There's also a big difference in which gender who's allowed more access to the internet in some countries, so many girls and kids in general worldwide are lagging behind online.

After now going through a lot of the positives and negatives with growing up as a netizen we've seen that it can bring comfort and support for a lot of kids, but it can make it more difficult for the ones that are left out. I think that as long as you are able to balance the life you have online and the one that you have in real life in a healthy way and we help the ones that need it, it will become easier for all kids now and in the future.