Mr. Berry does not like computers. He firstargues that computers are costly to purchase and repair. He also argues that computers are destructive because they can hinder relationships, like the one he has with his wife, and hurt the environment like when we strip-mine for coal to produce power. Finally, he does not think they can help him do his job any better than he already does it.

Mr. Berry’s arguments are correct in some areas. Computers can be costly, bad for relationships and hurt the environment. You do have to pay for power, the initial cost, maintenance, software, additional space and upgrades. It can be bad for relationships because in a family with one computer everyone may fight for a turn and if they have more than one, they may not communicate with each other. It can also be bad for the environment because of our use of fossil fuels to generate power, mining for materials to manufacture the computer, and when the computer is no longer good it ends up in a landfill. He may also have a point about it not being helpful for a job. When ipads were introduced at our school some students had trouble focusing on their work and almost became addicted to it.

However, Mr. Berry’s argument has flaws. He jumps to conclusions too fast and is biased because of his chosen lifestyle. Computers can be powered without hurting the environment by using hydroelectricity , solar power or other reusable resources. Social networks help rekindle old relationships andcertain software allows us to communicate face to face no matter the distance. It can also serve as a valuable tool for work. Mr. Berry is fortunate that he has a partner to assist him with his job. Some of us, however, are not so lucky and are on our own. Computers can assist us. If we feel like it is becoming a crutch or is not helping us, we can always choose not to use it. Technology does what we tell it to do. For example, Mr. Berry could turn off spellcheck and have his wife proof it.

By loading a lap-top computer with Skype, we believe it can meet Mr. Berry’s high standards for innovation. Skype allows many different people in many different locations to have a visual and audio conference. A business conference, especially an international one, costs thousands of dollars in airfare and hotel costs alone. The service costs $10, a laptop with a webcam less than $500, and internet is around $35 a month, and it can be used more than one time. In addition, it saves fuel, can be easily repaired , can be purchased in a small privately owned shop with repair services, and works better than having to travel to accomplish many tasks. It may not help Mr. Berry be a better writer, but it would certainly help his publisher. They can meet with everyone needed to produce and sell his book at a one-time minimum cost.