

Interview with my Grandfather

- What kinds of social activities did you engage in?

I farmed and I went to school. That was about it.

- How often did you socially interact with others?

A lot, cause there was no internet so I was constantly with my friends.

- With whom did you interact with socially? How far away from you did they live?

They lived close and they were my close friends.

- Do you still have contact with them today?

Yes I do because they all moved to America with me.

- What tools or technology, if any, did you use to interact with others?

I used my flip phone occasionally to call long distance friends.

- What have been the biggest technological changes in social interaction that you have seen since you were younger?

Social networking like WhatsApp let me meet people far away. Also the internet and search engines let me find people easily. Also, the smartphone which made calling people more common than actually talking to them.

- How would you have done things differently if today's social media tools were available when you were younger?

I would probably have met different friends and not have actually talked to them as often. Rather, I would have found long distance friends and many more of them.

- Identify five aspects of social interaction that have fundamentally changed since they were your age.
 - 1. Distance between people increased
 - 2. What kind of people become your friends
 - 3. How easy it is to find people
 - 4. The number of people you meet increased
 - 5. People talk less now and communicate more over the internet
- Identify five aspects of social interaction that are more or less the same as when they were your age.
 - 1. You meet people
 - 2. You talk to them
 - 3. You share ideas with them
 - 4. You have best friends
 - 5. They talk to you in your language
- Describe the most surprising thing that you learned about social interaction in the past and explain why it was so surprising.

It was surprising how little the internet and social networking impacted people back then, because it was not a thing yet.

- Identify one way that you think social interaction might change between now and the *next* generation (i.e., in 20–30 years).

We might have devices implanted into our brains so that communication doesn't even require physically finding someone or searching them up. We can just talk to people telepathically.