**THE DIGITAL DIVIDE**

Digital divide refers to the gap between individual in relationship to the level of their knowledge of how to operate digital devices. This divide separate the society into two, which are:

1. Old economy
2. New economy

**THE OLD ECONOMY**

This is the economy known for mass production and consumption of physical objects. Method of work is mainly mechanical.

**Features of the Old economy**

1. Time Consuming: Due to the method of operation, performing task or doing simple job takes a lot of time.
2. Labor Based: People work with mechanical devices which involve the use of human effort
3. Mechanical: Work is done by the use of mechanical devices.
4. Constrained by space, time and distance: Remote work or distance learning is restricted due to lack of these technology.

**NEW ECONOMY**

This age is also called computer age, information age or digital age. This economy use digital device to do work. The individual have a vast knowledge of how to operate digital device and use them to transfer information.

**Features of the new economy**

1. Digital gadgets
2. Time, space or distant is irrelevant
3. Technology driven
4. Knowledge based

**LIMITATIONS OF THE OLD ECONOMY**

1. Labor based and purely mechanical
2. The old economy was prone to error
3. Business is limited by distance
4. The economy is constrained by time and space
5. Working is time consuming
6. Huge capital is required to start a business

**BENEFITS OF THE NEW ECONOMY**

1. Low capital is needed to start a business
2. It creates new job opportunities
3. It provides better way of doing business
4. Time, space and distance is irrelevant