**Effects of texting and social media on communication skills.**

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Increased use of texts and social media in general in the current days is believed to have impacted the use of communication skills especially to the youth. Social media is termed as a collection of websites and applications that are used in communication, interaction and content sharing. Over the days, social media has grown to be a useful tool in our daily communications. Some of the mostly used social media platform are; twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, LinkedIn and snapchat. This has offered an opportunity for people from different parts of the world to interact and a chance for social growth. Despite this, the use of social media has negatively affected the use of communication skills especially face-to-face communication (Blanchard 6).

The use of communication skills has been decreasing with the current increase use of social media platforms. On this day and age, people prefer having face timing rather than having face to face conversations. Employers are not left behind on this as they also encourage having zoom meeting and interviews despite the fact that physical communication is always termed as superior over those made on mobile phones Experts say that the encouraged use of social media is negatively affecting how people interact and talk to each other face to face. The preference of people being indoors talking to strangers instead of going with their friends and have fun is shocking.

Research has been carried out on social interaction sine the increased use of social media platforms from the late 2000s. it has been found out that the use of social media has helped people to connect easily from all over the world. It is noted that the current generation youth who have grown up surround by the increased use of social media are having difficult time in expressing themselves during face-to-face communications. The quality of inter-personal communication is dwindling which translates to a negative effect of relationships between families and friends (Bhamare). The use of broken language has also been on the rise due to use of social media. With the huge to deliver message quickly, people prefer shortening words in order to type faster. Shortened words such as “ur” for your and “k” meaning okay has completely ruined grammar and syntax abandoning the beauty of the original language.

Social media has also affected familial relationships where people tend to spend more time on their phones or computers compare to the time they spent talking and interacting with each other. Family and friends are more likely to interact online instead of physical meetings in a situation where oversharing is important. Nowadays, it’s no longer a surprise inviting people for a party and having them attached to their gadgets instead of engaging and interacting. Children are also having a hard time where parents are spending a lot of time on their phones (Standage 16).

It is evident that social media has a negatively affected the use of communication skills. We can’t also ignore the fact that social media has also helped in making urgent communication easier and also spreading of news fast but we can’t stand having it getting in to our daily interaction. Social media has changed our personal interactions. We should uphold the need for deep and meaningful conversations which are only possible in a physical meeting.

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