

INTERNET ADDICTION

The Internet is the largest and most versatile source of information in the world today. With its web sites and chat rooms, it is a way of communicating with people in places all over the world. Since its conception in 1973, the Internet has grown at an astounding rate.

A survey conducted by Intelli Quest Information Group Inc. showed that 51 million adults age 16 or older were online during the second quarter 1997 in the United States alone. For many people, the Internet is so enjoyable that it is almost addictive. The problem is growing so quickly that researchers are now beginning to consider Internet Addiction.

Studies are revealing that there may be an actual form of addiction involved with over-use of the Internet. Identifying which category of addiction the Internet falls into is the problem. There are no real answers yet because research in this area is at the early stages. While lost in this so called 'Cyber Community' for long periods of time, people are neglecting other important activities like time with the family, socialising, work and health concerns. One of the most extensive studies on Internet Addiction to date was conducted by Dr. Kimberly S. Young of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. In her study, she revealed concrete evidence supporting the Internet Addiction claim. However, help for web addicts is available. There are several web sites available for the treatment of Internet addiction, as well as counselling centres and clinics.

Is it a condition, or is it just Internet? With all this power at our fingertips, are there any negative impacts of using this interface? Are we as humans capable of interacting with such a powerful communication source? Recent studies are beginning to uncover evidence that would suggest that maybe some of us are not so adept at dealing with such highly developed technology. In fact, as more research is conducted, experts are finding that the Internet may show indications of being addictive.

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READING COMPREHENSION. Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer. No marks are given for only true or false, or for "T" or "F".

1. The internet has remained the same as when it was born in 1973.
2. Most people admit that the use of internet is nearly an addiction.
3. Apart from using the internet, people spend a lot of time with their families, doing sports and going out with friends.
4. According to recent research everybody is an expert using the Internet.

LEXICON. Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. Amazing, surprising:
2. Lacking attention:
3. Directed, carried out:
4. Reveal through investigation:

PHONETICS

1. Write one word from the text that includes the sound /ɔː/ as in "form".
2. Write two words from the text that include the sound /eɪ/ as in "way".
3. How is the "o" pronounced in "work", /ɒ/, /ɔː/ or /ɜː/?

USE OF ENGLISH.

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

1. All passengers must wear a seat belt.

Seat belts

2. It was such a boring film that we walked out of the cinema.

The film

3. The woman is Alice Harris. Her ring was stolen from her house.

The woman,

4. Shall we go to the theatre on Saturday?

What about

5. I didn't arrive early so I missed the plane.

If

6. I regret I didn't buy that house.

I wish