

## What effects has the computer had on our lives?

The twenty-first century is already turning out to be the century of the computer. The computer revolution that started after the Second World War is now developing more quickly and computers are beginning to influence and take over nearly every aspect of our lives. Computers are clearly changing and affecting society in many ways. The two main effects computers have had on our lives are in the areas of economics and communications.

The computer has led to big changes in our economic and business lives. Businesses now have to be computerised or they risk failure. 1 \_\_\_\_\_, every big corporation bases its operations on computing, regardless of which sector they are in. 2 \_\_\_\_\_, Coca-Cola, the BBC and Levi's market and sell different products and services, yet they all share one basic property – without computers their operations would collapse. Computing is a generator of economic dynamism. China and India and many other developing countries have large IT sectors which drive their economies upwards. 3 \_\_\_\_\_, the more advanced economies, including Germany, the United States, Japan and Korea are moving from an industrial-based economy to a computer and IT-based one.

The other important effect of the computer is that communication has been totally revolutionised. 4 \_\_\_\_\_, in the past, people wrote letters, which would often take weeks to reach their destinations, or speak on the phone, which was terribly expensive. Now they send e-mail. Instead of waiting weeks for a letter, we can read it instantly, seconds after it's been written. 5 \_\_\_\_\_, many people use computers to communicate with people all around the world using chat rooms and chat programs, this was impossible before the computer became widespread. 6 \_\_\_\_\_, now people who live thousands of kilometres away from each other can communicate as much as they want and whenever they want using e-mail and/or chat rooms.

7 \_\_\_\_\_, computers have had a profound effect on our lives in many ways and it is in business and communication that they have had the greatest influence. In the future, if the computer continues evolving at such speed, our business practices and methods of communication will undergo even greater changes.

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