

**PARAPHRASE PRACTICE** (from Impact of Computers on Children's Activities & Development)

Go to Section "Effects on social Development and Relationships" parag 8  
Look at the last sentence, and the clause  
***Spending time alone on computers might hinder children in developing their interpersonal skills***

**WORDS**

Spend time                                limit their development/ability to develop,  
  affect their ability,    reduce their ability

Use computers                             develop,        development,    not develop well

In isolation,        by themselves

***personal communication (with others),    communication skills***  
***personal relationships***

**RELATIONSHIPS**

**Cause**        children play computers alone

**Effect**        limit development of children's personal relationships

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**Exercise** Try various words as subjects and different structures

1. Dependent + Independent clause

1.                                When children use computers alone, they may impair their ability to develop social communication skills.  
  OR                                they may limit the development of their personal relationship skills.

2. two sentences – join with effect transition word    children

Children often use computers in isolation. Consequently, their social people skills may not develop fully.

3. One clause sentence, C/E verb,    Subject= cause                                Object = effect  
Playing computers alone could affect children developing their social skills.

4. one clause,    subject = noun group = children's social development = effect  
  Verb is passive,    by phrase is cause

Children's social development could be impaired by using their computers in isolation.

5.    same as 4, only two clauses, dependent clause = when they

Children's social development could be impaired when they use their computers in isolation.

6. Development of their interpersonal skills can be negatively affected by children using computers alone.