

Impact of Modern Technologies on Children

Name

Course

Tutor

Institution

Date

Rapid development of technologies in the recent decades has caused the emergence of many new gadgets and brought about changes in the way we use them. For instance, email has totally replaced traditional mail in the sphere of private correspondence, leaving the use of traditional mail to businesses who send official letters. Changes like the one described above have a certain effect on people, changing our everyday habits. These changes have both positive and negative consequences. One group of people particularly affected are children. Since they are especially susceptible to new information, it is difficult to overlook the way new technologies impact them.

Numerous researches were examined for the purpose of understanding the role and the impact of new technologies on children. Technology itself is not regarded a bad thing at all; rather, it is the way children use it that can cause some trouble, resulting in negative effects (Kirsh, 2010). Some believe that new technologies have created a certain children's culture that negates the differences among them and transcends national cultures to which they belong.

On the other hand, some experts theorize that technologies, like video games or certain web content, contribute towards children becoming aggressive (The Role of Gadgets, 2012). While there is no proof of a correlation between using new technologies and violence and aggression, one point should be considered as valid: some children are apt to become more aggressive in certain situations. There are also factors that trigger this aggressiveness in them. New technologies may be one of the reasons. The point is that video games, the Internet, and sensitive content can be potential reasons for such aggressive behavior, but they shouldn't be considered to be the only factor.

When used appropriately, new technologies can be of great use. No doubt that many new gadgets and applications make life easier by helping us organize our activities, monitor expenses or our physical activity, and complete normal activities faster and more effectively. The same can be said about children who use modern technologies in everyday life. One of the most important advantages of using modern technologies is in the process of studying. Children can better understand complicated ideas and concepts when they observe how something works as opposed to

having the concept explained verbally or orally. Adding interactivity and gamification into the learning activity can increase children's level of retention and interest in studying (Kirsh, 2010). With quick access to numerous sources of information on the web, children are more likely to develop better research skills and become more curious.

As we can see, every new invention has a potential of both causing harm and being beneficial for children. The way children use new technologies for studying and entertainment fully depends on how well and thoughtfully they are implemented in such a processes.

Bibliography

Kirsh, J. S. (2010). Media and Youth a Development Perspective. Chichester: Blackwell publishing.

Retrieved from: <http://bit.ly/1UXUOtw>

Role of Gadgets in our Life. (2012). Tech Crates. Retrieved from:

<http://www.techcrates.com/modern-gadget-role-of-gadgets-in-our-life/>