



Learn English: Computer Functions and Comparing Adjectives to Adverbs

Reading Comprehension

Technology is relatively new, but it is a large part of our lives. We live in a world of uploads and downloads. We boot up computers, store files on hard drives, and use programs for everyday tasks. What is the most common use of technology today?

Today's biggest use of technology is browsing the Internet. A survey from the Pew Research Center (*Share of those 65 and older who are tech users has grown in the past decade, 2021*) shows that 99% of young adults (ages 18 to 29) in the United States use the Internet regularly. 96% of adults over 50 say they use the Internet.

The biggest use of the Internet is social media. In the same survey, 73% of adults over 50 said they use social media, a 22% increase from 2015. This is the fastest-growing group among social media users. There are fewer young adults on social media now than in 2015. Social media use in this group fell 6% from 2015 to 2021. Younger generations seem less "social" than older generations. Why?

Peter (60) says: "I joined Facebook to see pictures and videos of my grandchildren." Lisa (58) says: "I reconnected with old friends. I recently met some of them for coffee."

Research shows that young adults use social media very differently. According to a survey from SproutSocial (*How Different Generations Use Social Media—and What this Means for Your Business*), the most common reason this generation uses social media is to "kill time." Young adults are not as excited as Peter and Lisa to reconnect with old friends or know what their family members are doing.