

INGLÉS

Read the text and the instructions to the questions very carefully.

A generation of 'multitasking' children are living their daily lives – including eating and falling asleep – to the accompaniment of a screen. They watch TV before they go to school, when they return home, as they eat their evening meal and then in bed at night. The survey of five to 16-year-olds shows that four out of five children now have a TV set in their bedroom.

Television has become so widespread that many children now combine it with other activities, including social networking online. Young people are now unwilling to watch just one programme, with boys in particular often switching between channels to keep up with two programmes at the same time.

Internet use is also continuing **to increase rapidly**. This means British children spend an average of five hours and 20 minutes in front of a screen a day, up from four hours and 40 minutes five years ago. Reading books for pleasure, on the other hand, continues to decline as a regular pastime. While four out of five children read books in their own time, only a quarter do so daily and 53% at least once a week.

The report, based on interviews with 1,147 children in 60 schools around England, Scotland and Wales, found television viewing now averages 2.6 hours a day across the age group, though one in ten say they watch more than four hours daily. The survey, which has been conducted annually for 14 years, asked for the first time whether children watched television while eating dinner or in bed before going to sleep. It found that 58% watch during their evening meal, while 63% lie in bed watching the screen (rising to almost 75% of 13 to 16-year-olds). Two-thirds – particularly the youngest children – watch before school, and 83% turn on the television after returning home.

Computers are also now a key part of children's private worlds. "The Internet is now an essential part of most young people's lives," says the study, with 85% of five to 16-year-olds using the Internet, and over a third (including a quarter of five to six-year-olds) owning a computer of their own. On average, they go online just over four times a week, spending two hours each time.

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QUESTION 1 (1 MARK)

Write a summary of the story in English (maximum 20 words)

QUESTION 2 (1 MARK EACH)

Explain in English the meaning of the following phrases from the text (maximum 6 words for each phrase):

- a) "to keep up with two programmes at the same time"
- b) "to increase rapidly"

QUESTION 3 (1 MARK EACH)

Answer in English the following questions, IN YOUR OWN WORDS as far as possible:

- a. How much time on average do British children spend in front of a screen each day? (give some data)
- b. Do children read books in their own time? (give also some data)

QUESTION 4 (1 MARK EACH)

Complete the following sentences:

- a) If you _____, you would have watched two programmes at the same time.
- b) Two out of five children.....

QUESTION 5 (3 MARKS)

Describe what people do regularly for fun in their free time (minimum 80 words, maximum 100). Use your own words in English.