

No Need to Go Out You Can Do It from Home

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Shop, Get Healthcare, Study, Work

One of the main advantages of technology is that we can do many things without leaving our home. If we need to buy something, we don't need to go to the store. With our computer or phone and the internet, we can buy sneakers, clothes, and anything we need. It's faster to shop this way, so we can save time.

In addition, if we don't have time to go to the doctor's office, we don't have to go. We can use technology to ask for our medication to be delivered. We can even meet with the doctor online in the privacy of our own home. Telehealth appointments are convenient for non-urgent matters, and they save time and money in terms of gas, public transportation, and ride shares.

Also, with technology we can study and even do our jobs online. During the pandemic, many of us used technology to stay connected with our education and our jobs.

Some Disadvantages

In general, technology makes life easier. But of course there are some disadvantages to technology. After all, nothing is truly perfect. One disadvantage is that your device could break. We are so dependent on our devices, we would be lost if they broke.

Also, the internet could crash. At that point, the world becomes chaotic. A lot of businesses are run by technology, and if anything goes wrong then the economy will suffer.

If people decided to never go out and just work from home, that would affect the economy and the community as well. People would be



more distant towards each other; there would be no connection between humans. In-person businesses, such as public transportation, ride shares, etc., would fail. Although technology keeps the world running more smoothly, it is still important to be present in person. We should not allow technology to take over our lives.

AFTER YOU READ:

1. According to the author, what are the advantages and disadvantages of using technology to do things?
2. Have you ever had a "telehealth" appointment? What do you think about it?

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