

Appendix 7Tc: Sample Answers for Connectives activity instruction 6

Should we stand in the way of progress?

We must not stand in the way of progress because it has benefited our world in many ways; it has improved our standard of living and made life easier for us. Technology allows us to have more leisure time; it has made communication faster and easier; it has improved our entertainment and it has made accessing services quicker, easier and more convenient.

To begin with/ In fact/ In support of this, progress has resulted in us having more time for leisure. Our use of technological appliances means that chores around the house no longer consume the amount of time they once did. For example, cooking is made a lot quicker and easier with gas or electric stoves and microwaves, and we no longer have to go outside on a cold and windy night to chop wood and make a fire, so technological progress has meant that we now have more leisure time.

Additionally/ Equally/ As well as, the invention of advanced forms of communication has benefited many people. We are able to use telephones to help people who are injured or in danger. Should the need arise, all we have to do is pick up the phone to contact the police, the ambulance or the fire brigade, and help will soon arrive. Furthermore, telephones help people to communicate with friends and relatives. We can simply ring someone instead of travelling to see them. A world without modern communication would be a much more difficult world in which to live.

Television is another great product of technological progress. It is a reliable source of both entertainment and information. We can simply turn on the television at home and watch movies, comedies, cartoons or the news, and depending on what we choose to watch, we will be entertained or informed. Technology has given us a cure for boredom and a constant stream of up-to-date information.

Furthermore In addition/ Additionally, Incidentally activities like banking and paying bills are more convenient. It takes less time for both of these things thanks to technological advances such as automatic teller machines (ATMs) and personal computers (PCs). Instead of waiting in a queue to sign our name on pieces of paper, we now have plastic cards that are recognised by these ATMs; instead of having to wait for a statement to be posted to us, we can simply look up our account balance and transactions on our PC. Thanks to technology, we have immediate access to services.

Clearly, In conclusion/ To sum up/ Finally. Above all technology's effect has been to enable us to have more leisure time with the use of appliances within our homes, to improve our communication with the use of telephones, to provide entertainment and information with items such as televisions, and to save us valuable time with things like ATMs and PCs. All these things have improved our standard of living and made life easier for us.