

Discuss some of the effects of modern technology on the spoken & written modes of languages; do you believe these effects to be detrimental or advantageous?

Technology is evolving at a rapid rate and has a large impact on language in both spoken and written forms. Communication can now occur rapidly in written form through SMS and the internet, ~~causing~~ creating an intricate blend of spoken and written language. Global media available through the internet and international television has caused regional variants to ~~more~~ occur in multiple varieties all over the world and could be a major contributing factor ~~to~~ the evolution of Global English.

These changes to language are a reflection of the advantages of modern technology and, although considered by many to be detrimental, are vital ~~with~~ ~~relation~~ to the function of language associated with technology. Communication through modern technologies would not be as effective as ~~is~~ they are without the

Language changes that have occurred. ○

Communication through SMS and chatrooms is rapid, despite being in written form, and ~~English~~ varieties of language known as e-language have been created to aid this function. The ~~rapid~~ use of ellipted sentences and lack of prepositions such as 'coffee later?' not only saves time, but also allow more information to be included as technology often limits the number of ~~technology~~ characters which can be used (such as 160 in

a text message, 140 in a 'Twitter' ^{good for indiff} ~~post~~ ^{twit!}.) ○

The use of numerals to represent morphemes with similar phonology such as '18' (later) ~~and~~ and even 'w8e4' (whatever) further saves time and space, as does the use of alphabetisms such as 'BRB' (be right back), 'AFK' (away from keyboard) and 'imo' (in my opinion). Some neologisms created for e-language has

ventured into spoken language, 'BRB'
pronounced 'berbs' and 'CBS' (can't be stuffed)
pronounced 'ceebz'. Although e-language
is written, it is both space and time
bound and therefore shares similarities with
both written and spoken language. Exposure
to e-language has changed the way many
people use language, as has the exposure to
other variations of language through interna-
tional media.

had don't
forget season
street caused
whole generation
to say "zeel"
not "zed" (1)

Live streaming, podcasts, global television and
internet news allows people to ~~experience~~
gain their news and information from all
over the world, and experience other varieties
of English. Australian children are pronouncing
'tomato' as 'tomaeto' and American children
due to US children's programming, and American
children pronounce 'banana' as 'bananna'
instead of 'banehna' due to ~~the~~ 'The Wiggles'.

Regional variation is clear between Australia, ~~Engl~~ the United Kingdom and the United States, not only due to their phonology but through differing lexicons as well also. The term 'jungle gym' instead of 'playground' (can now be heard) in Australia due to American television, as with 'trick' as opposed to 'ute' and 'senior' instead of 'year 12'. Many children who have been exposed to American television, as they learn the alphabet may say 'zoe' instead of 'zed'. *Great minds think alike!* British phrases such as ~~from the~~ prominence of technology have allowed media from various countries being transmitted worldwide means that language changes such as there are ~~happen~~ occurring globally and are a result of modern technology. ~~technology~~ These language changes are not always accepted, however may be extremely beneficial.

Language needs to change to also accommodate changes in the way it is used, and also changes as a reflection of various social developments. Without the rapid ~~and~~ written exchange allowed by SMS, ~~messages~~ and chat, many social developments may not have occurred. Victoria Police used SMS to warn all Victorians of possible dangerous weather conditions, many companies use SMS to ~~be~~ alert customers to sales and closures and many social relationships are maintained through SMS and chat. Train and bus companies use SMS to ~~adert~~ warn commuters of delays. ~~Yarra Trams~~ provide an SMS 'Tram Tracker' service. The language that has developed to support these services is vital and extremely advantageous. ~~Being~~ Global English is beneficial in that it leaves ~~no~~ little room for confusion.

due to regional variation, and technology is quickly and influencing the evolution of this variety, and supporting it well.

~~measur~~ Groups which oppose the development of e-language and Global English do so in an attempt to preserve language and the identity it may express, however without language change we are unable to use it for many purposes, and the change itself is representative of identity. There are one of ~~many~~ many advantages of technology influenced languages.

Language will always change as society does, and technology's heavy influence on modern society can be seen in the language in modern language. Rapid and short written messages which share similarities with spoken language, the incorporation of ~~these~~ e-language.

neologisms into common speech, globalisation of English and reduced regional variation are all ~~observed~~ ~~being~~ influenced by technology caused, partially or completely, by technology. These language changes are viewed negatively by some, however ~~one~~ positive in many ways and allow for even more development in society.

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That's a VERY good thing!

-your linking b/w paragraphs has developed so much — it's fantastic to see.

-excellent examples.

