**“All teenagers are lazy. Teenagers do nothing but watch too much television and waste too much time on computers and phones.”**

**To what extent do you agree with this view?**

Firstly, in response to the claim that all teenagers are lazy, it is my opinion that this assertion is biased and unfair. I believe, in fact, that this statement is too broad to possibly be accurate. The argument that "all teenagers are lazy" is highly inconsiderate to the teenagers of developing countries, the teenagers who often have to walk miles just to get clean water . Furthermore, this claim is rather offensive to the teenagers who have to work just to get enough money to go to school. By no stretch are these teenagers “lazy” so this is clearly a sign that the statement is derived from stereotypes and prejudice.

In addition to this, contrary to the claim about time wasting, spending lots of time on computers and using modern technology can actually be beneficial for children. My reason for saying this is that there are many educational games on the internet and virtual learning environments allow children to learn online in an interactive manner. Furthermore, more and more jobs in recent times require IT skills and people to be able to use a computer effectively so , arguably, therefore, by using computers children are actually preparing themselves for a potential job.

Nevertheless, of course, despite my belief that technological advancements are the only way forward in this society, some people will argue that too much time spent on computers is not only bad for a child's eyes but it could reduce their attention span. However, this is simply not the case. Yes, admittedly, a child could suffer from eye strain if they spend too long looking at a screen. However, eye strain does not result in permanent damage to the eyes and is almost always fixed by looking away from the screen for just a couple of minutes. Moreover, there is not evidence to prove that an increased use of computers and other modern technology leads to a decreased attention span so there is no sustenance to these arguments. Therefore, I would refute the claim that watching screens ‘too much’ is detrimental to teenagers and makes them ‘lazy’. In fact, whether we are watching television screens, our mobile phones or working on our computers, I would argue that in the vast majority of cases, we are actually working on projects and building ourselves a more successful future. Thus, to argue that “all” teenagers are “lazy” is simply a sweeping generalization and totally unfair.

To conclude, therefore, in considering whether “All teenagers are lazy” and that “Teenagers do nothing but watch too much television and waste too much time on computers and phones”, I feel that this very argument in itself is ‘lazy’! Why do I think this? Well, I believe that the argument fails to take into account that not every teenager festers away in their room, wasting time on games and failing to have ambition. This is, frankly, a ridiculous notion.

Finally, it is my assertion that teenagers of modern times are achieving more and more high standard GCSEs and A levels despite the increased use of technology. So, the question I would leave you with is this - what exactly  **is** the issue with teenagers using modern technology? The teenagers are clearly **not** wasting their time on technology but rather taking advantage of it to achieve more in less time - thus leading to the increase in high exam scores and brighter futures for all. Hardly ‘lazy’ therefore!