



CAE Writing

An Article

Look at this CAE question.

**We invite you, our readers to submit an article on new technology and how it affects your life. Your article should outline the impact of new technology on your life now. You should also explain what further changes are likely to take place in the near future and how these could affect you.**

To answer this question you will need to make a few notes. First, think of examples of new technology. One or two ideas will be enough. What effect have these had?

examples of new technology:

- Smart phones /social networking sites (constant contact with friends/family/news)
- MP3 players, music downloads (all music available, portable).

Then you need to think about future developments. Again, only one or two will be necessary, or you risk writing too much.

Further changes –

- e-readers (books, magazines)
- TV, film on demand

Plan how you will divide the article into paragraphs. Make sure that these are clearly indicated by indentation (leaving a space from the margin) if you are writing by hand.

Paragraph 1 – introduction

Paragraph 2 – phones / networks

Paragraph 3 – music

Paragraph 4 – e-readers (and, if I have words left, TV/film on demand)

Write down any useful phrases that occur to you that you want to include:

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Breakthroughs

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Finally, think of a title and write your essay.

Here is an example.

### New Technology and Me

I'm writing this at the end of a decade in which technology has made enormous leaps. My daily life has been transformed by a number of new breakthroughs, so that what is normal to me now would have been unimaginable just a few years ago.

To begin with, consider the whole area of mobile phones and social networking. In my pocket as I speak I have a little device which enables me to speak to my friends while I am on the move, send them messages, and surf the internet. In addition, I can take photos and send them around the world at the push of a button. Thanks to the spread of social networking sites I can send and receive information from my friends, read what they have posted to their profiles and comment on their activities.

Or take music. If my father wanted to listen to a song, he would have had to save up enough money to buy the record, go to a shop and hope to find it. I, on the other hand, simply navigate to a website with my mobile phone and the song is mine with a click. I can carry around my entire music collection in my pocket.

As for the future, I imagine that the next frontier will be that of the written word. In all probability, in the next few years I will be able to find, download and read any book I want on a portable device. This will mean it will no longer be necessary for me to carry bags of books to and from college. What a relief that will be!