

Learning Task 3

2 Being a screenager

Change the words in orange. Find words and phrases in the box that mean the same thing.

all over the world • at the same time • chat • focus on • get information • multitask • online • pros and cons • text • ~~the average~~ • they're addicted

The average

A **typical** teenager in the USA spends over eight hours a day in front of the screen. And they're not just

doing one thing: most of the time they **do lots of things**. They might **talk** with a friend on a social

media site, **send text messages** to other friends, and play a video game, all **together**.

What are the **advantages and disadvantages** of digital technology?

Well, you can **find out about things** very quickly, and you can communicate with people

in lots of different countries. But there are downsides. Young people often can't **concentrate** on their

homework. And they don't get enough sleep because they're **on the internet** at night. Some teenagers

just can't stop – **it's like a drug!**

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