

17.1 ICT Essay

Write a 1000-word essay on ICT

Follow the prompts and questions and write your essay. Your essay should have an **introduction, main body** and a **conclusion**. Pay attention to spelling and grammar and write full sentences. After you have finished the essay, proofread it they you will need to type it on a computer and print it.

Introduction

Paragraph 1

Define what ICT stands for.

Give a brief explanation of what ICT stands for.

- What is technology?
- What is the difference between IT and ICT?
- What technology is used for information?
- What technology is used for communication?

Pose some questions that you intend to answer in your conclusion for example

- Is the internet a good or bad thing?
- Do businesses need to have websites?
- Would life be better without ICT?

Outline what you are going to talk about in the main body of the essay (ensure you **don't give any details**; simply state the details you will cover).

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Main body

Paragraph 2

History

Where and how did ICT begin?

Give a brief explanation of the changes in technology you have witnessed.

What have been the major developments of ICT in the last 50 years?

Main body

Paragraph 3

The current situation

Define the information age.

Give some statistics in relation to ICT.

Briefly outline some instances where ICT is used in daily life.

What parts of our society could not function without ICT?

What parts of our society would be better off without ICT?

What is E-commerce?

Is it possible to ignore current trends in ICT?

How is technology used in different areas of society (**pick 1 or 2 of the following**)?

 **Education**

 **Medicine**

 **Banking**

 **The Media**

 **Socialising**

How is technology used in your vocational area?

How does the current situation compare with 10, 20, or even 50 years ago?

What are the current issues in Communications and Information Technology?

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Paragraph 4

Discuss of the **advantages** and different aspects of ICT, for example

-  Social networking
-  Increased productivity
-  E-commerce
-  Ease of communication
-  Culture
-  Gaming
-  Learning
-  Medical diagnosis and treatment

Main body

Paragraph 5

Disadvantages

Discuss some of the **disadvantages** and different aspects of ICT, for example

-  **Isolation**
-  **Bullying**
-  **Exposure to violence/inappropriate content**
-  **Obesity**
-  **Social unrest**
-  **Fraud**
-  **Decrease in face to face interactions**
-  **Cost, (financial or otherwise) to people and business**

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Paragraph 6

The Future

How can ICT benefit Ireland in the future?

What is the most cutting-edge technology available today?

Comment on the speed at which different technologies have progressed

Is life imitating art? Are there any science fiction films from the past that predicted the technology currently available?

What technologies have been predicted for the future?

What advancements in technologies would you like to see?

What advancements in technologies would you **not** like to see?

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Conclusion

Paragraph 7

Revisit your definition of ICT

Answer the questions you posed at the beginning of your essay.

Give some personal opinions on ICT, for example:

- ✚ The pace of its development
- ✚ Its impact on different groups in society
- ✚ Children
- ✚ Teenagers
- ✚ Adults
- ✚ The older generation

Its impact different areas of society

- ✚ Business
- ✚ Education
- ✚ Medicine

Its importance in your life

Its importance to your vocational area

Finish your essay by making a general statement in relation to the overall impact of ICT and decide whether the advantages of ICT to society, outweigh the disadvantages