Cellphones: Then and Now

Life was much more difficult before people had cellphones. It was very difficult to stay in touch with our loved ones. We had the days when the wired telephone limited our freedom to take it anywhere. In addition, it was not suitable for modern day, fast paced living. Cellphones have completely changed in many ways the concept of telephoning. Modern technology is developing at an unbelievable rate. Cellphones are the latest boom for the 21st century. They have been around for quite some time but as time goes on they continue to gain more and more features such as text messaging, accessing the web, and taking pictures. It has made life simple and easy. Life has changed dramatically since the invention of cellphones.

**Before the cellphones, wired telephone had limited our freedom to take it anywhere**. We could only make calls from certain places. It was harder to stay in touch with others because we couldn’t always reach a person to whom we are calling or someone else couldn’t reach us. Also, it was very difficult to contact in case of emergency. **Now, the significant development of cellphone has made it possible for us to make a call from any place.** There is less chance of missing phone calls. We can now stay in touch with our loved ones and our loved ones can stay in touch with us wherever we might be. Cellphones are beneficial for communication and for gaining help in emergencies.

**Prior to the invention of cellphones, wired telephone was not suitable for modern day, fast paced living.** It was used just to receive and make phone calls. Because it didn’t provide access to the internet, it was very difficult to get the basic information. In addition, we were limited to one phone call on one phone at a time. **Now, Cellphones has all the features that are required for modern day living**. It not only serves the purpose of communications but it also provides an access to the internet. We can now talk to more than one person at a time. It proves ample opportunity to surf and play games. Just like the internet, people use cellphones to receive and send latest information, news and incidents from any part of the world and spread the news fast. Text messaging is often used because it is cheaper than making a phone call. It allows college student to connect with their friends through social networks. They can send text message, access website, such as Facebook, Twitter and MySpace. Also, it has the camera, video uploading, Bluetooth connectivity and other advanced features. Even though it is very useful but it can also be misused and waste away useful time. One can overcome the problem if they use it wisely.

To sum up, Life has greatly improved since the arrival of cellphones, whereas in the past, it was very difficult to communicate. Now, Cellphones have many advantages. It can also be used as a pocket computer. According to me it is very useful because I use it wisely and I doubt that I will ever part with my cellphone. Even though it is very convenient to have this gadget in hands but still we should use it more cautiously to minimize its side effects. School boards and parents need to take more awareness of how students use their cell cellphones. Overall, the decision to have one or not is yours. I believe that the change is for good because it gives us the opportunity to communicate effectively.

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