

A Blessing(☺) Or A Curse(☹)?

Many inventions have good points and bad points.

Here are some ways of expressing our approval or disapproval.

Make sure you understand the **bold words**.

I approve of computers because....

1. ...they help to **prevent crime**.
2. ...they are **a life-saver for** office workers.
3. ...they are **a time-saver for** designers.
4. ...they are **a better alternative to** using an abacus.
5. ...they can be **a comfort to** lonely people.
6. ...they are **economically beneficial to** the companies that make them.

I disapprove of computers because....

1. ...they are **a menace to** children's education.
2. ...they **wreck** family life.
3. ...they are **detrimental to** our eyesight.
4. ...they can be **a time-waster**.
5. ...they are **harmful to** the environment.
6. ...they **encourage young people to** be violent.

Now look at the following inventions. Decide if you think they are a **blessing** or a **curse**.

You must choose four blessings and four curses.

Invention	☺or☹	Your reason(s)
a) cars		
b) cellular phones		
c) fast food		
d) computer games		
e) e-mail		
f) disposable cameras		
g) nuclear power		
h) plastic bottles		
i) air conditioning		
j) sodas (fizzy drinks)		