

Technology's Role in the Family Life Cycle (Survey)

Instructions: The everyday activities that take place in the family often involve computer devices and technology that were not readily available several years ago. These include developments in devices, new communication technologies, and online services/options.

Conduct a survey that includes the stages of the Family Life Cycle as follows:

- Leaving home (ages 18-22)
- Getting married or committing to a couple relationship (ages 24-28)
- Parenting the first child (ages 29-35)
- Living with an adolescent—adolescent years (ages 42-54)
- Launching the children—empty nest years (ages 55-60)
- Retirement and old age (age 61 and up)

The survey must include ten recent technological advances, such as digital movies, social networking and the use of Apps. You may use technology to conduct the survey. You may text it, email it, use a social media or make copies of the survey. Distribute the survey to up to 10 or more people. You must survey at least one person from each stage of the family life cycle. Ask them to mark items they use and how often. Ask them to answer the seven questions:

1. What impact has technology made on your family?
2. How has modern technology benefited you or your family medically?
3. Identify two ways technology affects individuals, families, the workplace, and society (Positively).
4. Identify two ways technology affects individuals, families, the workplace, and society (Negatively).
5. What are some benefits and drawbacks of the entertainment options many homes have?
6. List two ways technology has improved transportation.
7. How has technology influenced the educational process?

Compile the resulting information, and find the percentage of people who use each item and the average frequency at which they use it. Summarize their answers to the seven questions. Then formulate a plan for effective management of technology on families throughout the family life cycle using all the data collected in the surveys.

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

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Family Life Cycle Stage (check one)

_____ Leaving home (ages 18-23)

_____ Getting married or committing to a couple relationship (ages 24-28)

_____ Parenting the first child (ages 29-41)

_____ Living with an adolescent—adolescent years (ages 42-54)

_____ Launching the children—empty nest years (ages 55-60)

_____ Retirement and old age (age 61 and up)

Mark items you use and how often you use them.

Technological Device/Item	How often do you use this type of Technological Device/Item?
Digital movies	
Social networking	
Use of Apps	

