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Guided Reading for "Can We Auto-Correct Humanity?"

Did you know the average person spends 4 years of his life looking down at his cell phone? (1) ←
Kind of ironic, ain't it?
How these touch-screens can make us lose touch (2) ←
But it's no wonder in a world filled with
iMac's, iPads and iPhones
So many "I"'s, so many selfies, not enough "us"'s and "we"'s (3) ←
See Technology has made us more selfish and separate than ever
Cause while it claims to connect us, connection has gotten no better
And let me express first
Mr. Zuckerberg, not to be rude but you should re-classify Facebook to what it is:
An anti-social network
'Cause while we may have big friend lists
So many of us are friendless, all alone (4) ←
'Cause friendships are more broken than the screens on our very phones
We sit at home on our computers measuring self worth by numbers of followers and Likes
Ignoring those who actually love us
It seems we'd rather write an angry post
Than talk to someone who might actually hug us
Am I bugging? You tell me...
I asked a friend the other day let's meet up face to face (5)
They said alright, what time you wanna Skype?
I responded with omg, srs, and then a bunch of smh's
And realized what about me?
Do I not have the patience to have conversation without abbreviation?
This is the generation of media over stimulation
Chats have been reduced to snaps
The news is 140 characters
Videos are 6 seconds at high speed
And you wonder why ADD is on the rise faster than 4G LTE (6)
But, get a load of this
Studies show the attention span of the average adult today
Is one second lower than that of a goldfish
So if, you're one of the few people or aquatic animals that have yet to click off or close this video, congratulations
Let me finish by saying you do have a choice, yes
But this one my friends we cannot Auto-Correct - we must do it ourselves (7)
Take control or be controlled, Make a decision

1. Why does the author begin with this question?

Grabs hooks your attention

2. What is ironic about this statement?

The person on the phone doesn't pay attention although the phone is supposed to help you communicate

3. What does the author mean in this line?

They are self-centered, not social (really social)

4. What is the author saying about friendship and human connection in this section of the poem?

Shallow friendships are not as good as good friendships in person

5. Why does the author tell this story?

To show even he didn't even realize how much the quality of his communication with friends was affected by current technology and trends.

6. What idea does this simile convey?

That Attention Deficit Disorder is occurring too frequently perhaps because of this lifestyle

7. What does the author mean when he says "this one my friends we cannot auto-correct - we must do it ourselves?"

We need to take action, not get a technological thing to fix it for us.

Me?

No longer do I want to spoil a precious moment by recording it with a phone (8)

I'm just gonna keep them

I don't wanna take a picture of all my meals anymore - I'm just gonna eat them

I don't want the new app, the new software, or the new update

And if I wanna post an old photo of myself who says I have to wait until Thursday

I'm so tired of performing in the pageantry of vanity

And conforming to this accepted form of digital insanity

Call me crazy, but I imagine a world where we smile when we have low batteries

'Cause that will mean we'll be one bar closer - to humanity (9)

10. Do you agree with this author? Does humanity need to be corrected in the way it uses technology?

2 reasons - explain

- Answers vary

8. What is the gist of this last stanza?

He is going to take action by using less social media or technology to live in the moment. He's less obsessed

9. Why did the author use this metaphor of the bar to

Human relationships?

To show how the "power" devices have over us will go down and we can have human connections without interference