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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?

2. What is ironic about this statement?

3. What does the author mean in this line?

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

5. Why does the author tell this story?

6. What idea does this simile convey?

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

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)

8. What is the gist of this last stanza?

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

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

