

FUTURE OF COMMUNICATION

What we need to know is whether new means of communication will be available in the future and whether they will change the quality of our life. We don't know what can be invented in 10, 20 or 50 years from now.

It is always possible that new ways of keeping in touch will appear and replace the old ones. Though it seems as if everything has already been created, inventors surprise us with new gadgets every year.

Sometimes we take it for granted that our life is becoming more and more comfortable and successful with all the new means of communication and new devices – plasma TVs, portable computers, wireless Internet and smart phones. When we think about the future, we imagine something really revolutionary like time travel or telepathy. The question is whether new technologies will be just fads or whether they will improve our communication seriously.

But the thing that worries many of us most is what we are going to do about the changes that all these new inventions bring along and how they will affect our lives. It appears that there is a contradiction between the advantages of new technologies and the disadvantages we can't help noticing. If we don't do anything about aggression-promoting TV programmes, Internet and mobile phone addictions today, it might be too late tomorrow.