

Answers to **A for and against essay about online communication – exercises****Preparation**

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| 1. g | 5. d |
| 2. a | 6. h |
| 3. b | 7. c |
| 4. e | 8. f |

**1. Check your understanding: grouping****Online communication**

a, f, g, h

**Face-to-face communication**

b, c, d, e

**2. Check your understanding: reordering**

1. In today's world, we find ourselves communicating more and more through online channels.
2. Which begs the question: is online communication preferable in today's world?
3. One of the main arguments in favour is that it opens up the possibility of long-distance communication.
4. Another point is that written online communication gives us the option of responding either immediately or later.
5. Some experts are concerned that a lack of face-to-face interaction impedes the development of vital social skills.
6. So, we're running the risk of losing the art of real conversation.
7. On balance, I believe that there are several advantages to online communication.
8. However, we should take care not to overlook the benefits of face-to-face dialogue.

**3. Check your writing: gap fill**

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| 1. unavoidable | 5. response      |
| 2. converse    | 6. over-reliance |
| 3. preferable  | 7. empathy       |
| 4. benefits    | 8. embellished   |

**4. Check your writing: multiple choice**

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| 1. but                   | 4. such as           |
| 2. Furthermore           | 5. On the other hand |
| 3. Another point is that | 6. However           |