

Time Spend in Different Activities on Internet

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Abstract: This research paper aimed at to study the time spend on internet by adolescents for different activities. Internet plays an important role in our lives. It provides us with a method to connect to important people in our lives. This study was conducted to establish the kinds of activities that adolescents performed on the internet and length of the time they spend on the internet to know the effects of internet on adolescents. The study was conducted on 100 adolescents comprising 50 boys and 50 girls of Guru Nanak Academy School of Faizabad. The findings indicated that boys reported to have a higher use of internet as compare to girls and boys spend more time on internet for different activities than girls. Adolescents engage in internet chat rooms and reveal their personal information to people they meet online.

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1. Introduction

The internet is a tool that is used to search different things by different people. It is used by employees of various organization to search for information and to also exchange information with other people. At home the Internet is used as means to chat to other people and to get news that affect the world in general. Some people make of it to do business transactions such as obtaining useful information and for educational purposes. The Internet is not only accessed at homes but also school and Internet café's.

According to C. Jhonson (2007) the internet influences teen view to the world and its future. The internet is very useful and important tool for youth studies, as there they are able to see the latest report, articles, find and practise with exercises, which are relevant to their studies, as well as submit assignments and other works. It also gives them an opportunity to act together with other teen and discuss relevant issues. One of the most important things of teens using internet is their freedom to post all critics for the government leaders. As it known that youth can't do much for criticising the government and give their beliefs about what is wrong and what is right on their point of view, no they have all the possible liberty to do it through the internet. Teenager and youth like to spend their free time on very popular these days' social internet web sites. On the social websites youth can have relations and communication with their friends or just someone who is far away from their homes and around the world, using chatting on the worldwide web, emailing or just playing games. Very popular and useful thing these days is a commencement of digital camera for computer mobile phones, where one can chat and on the mean time see the person whom they are having a conversation with. Also using the internet youth can go for shopping with their friends, using the same website, even microphones or cameras to film themselves, teens who are using online shopping can have a speak, nearly in the same way as they would go out together for real shopping.

2. Methodology

Questionnaire was used for collection of data. Adolescents in the age group of 17-19 years were selected from Guru Nanak Academy School of Faizabad city using simple random sampling and purposive sampling. The total sample of 100 adolescents comprising 50 boys and 50 girls were selected for the present study. The data collected was then analyzed to draw appropriate inferences by application of suitable statistical techniques. The statistical methods used were Percentage and Chi- square test.

3. Results and Discussion

Table 1: Distribution of respondents according to their sex

Sex	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Male	50	50
Female	50	50
Total	100	100

The table shows that 50% of respondents were male and 50% of respondents were female.

Table 2: Distribution of respondents according to time spend on surfing the internet per week

Time duration	Female	Percentage	Male	Percentage
3-6 hours	24	48	11	22
7-15 hours	15	30	23	46
16 hours and longer	11	22	16	32
Total	50	100	50	100

Table shows that maximum 48% of female respondents were agreed that they had spend 3-6 hours on surfing the internet per week while 46% of male respondents were agreed that they had spend 7-15 hours on surfing the internet per week..

Table 3: Distribution of respondents according to time spend per week on Internet for studying

Time duration	Female	Percentage	Male	Percentage
3-6 hours	37	74	38	76
7-15 hours	8	16	12	24
16 hours and longer	5	10	0	0
Total	50	100	50	100

The table shows that maximum 74% of female respondents spend 3-6 hours per week on internet for studying purpose while 76% of male respondents spend 3-6 hours per week on internet for studying purpose.

Table 4: Distribution of respondents according to time spend per week on Internet for Entertainment, News, & Information

<i>Time duration</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
3-6 hours	37	74	38	76
7-15 hours	8	16	12	24
16 hours and larger	5	10	0	0
Total	50	100	50	100

The table indicates that 74% of female respondents were agreed that they had to spend 3-6 hours on internet for entertainment, news and information purpose per week while 76% of male respondents were agreed that they had to spend 3-6 hours on internet for entertainment, news and information purpose per week.

Table 5: Distribution of respondents to time spend with their family/ friends chatting

<i>Time spend with friends/ family chatting</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
1-5 hours	35	70	30	60
6-12 hours	15	30	12	24
12 hours & longer	0	0	8	16
Total	50	100	50	100

The table shows that maximum 70% of female respondents were agreed that they have spend 1-5 hours in a week with their friends/ family chatting while maximum 60% of male respondents were agreed that they have spend 1-5 hours in a week with their friends/ family chatting.

4. Conclusion

The findings indicated that boys reported to have a higher use of internet as compare to girls and boys spend more time on internet for different activities than girls. The study says that 76% of boys and 74% of girls used maximum internet for conducting school assignments and 48% of girls used maximum internet for searching school/ college related information, while 44% of boys used maximum internet to get news or information about current events, sports & politics. The study also traces that both male (84%) and female (80%) respondents spend about 3-6 hours hrs per week on internet for gathering information, News& Entertainment.

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