

# “The Black Hole of Technology”

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## COMPREHENSION

1. How do the friends react when she asks about the Miley Cyrus post?
2. What opinion about technology does the author state at the beginning?
3. What event strengthens her opinion?
4. What two things does she notice about villagers in Cambodia?
5. What does she vow to do the next time she’s walking along the road?

## VOCABULARY

6. Define *devouring*.
7. Define *consumed*.
8. Define *absorbing*.

## ANALYZE the TEXT

9. Why does the author use the words “go” and “stop” frequently?
10. How does she feel about being around friends while they check social media?
11. What does the following sentence mean?

*The black hole of endless, unimportant streams of technology-enabled information is devouring everyone living in the twenty-first century.*

12. What does she mean when, near the end of the passage, she states she “had finally stopped”?

## CRAFT and STRUCTURE

13. Summarize the author's claim about technology.

14. Why does the author repeat "stop" in the following passage?

*No one **stops** to process information anymore to determine its significance or importance. No one appreciates the value of personal interaction or nature. Everything is go, go, go. Not once do we **stop**.... Now, I'm always consumed by my "tech," and I never **stop** to take a break.*

15. How does she feel about her visit to the Cambodian village?

## WORD STUDY

16. Write all definitions of *subject*.

17. Write all definitions of *sign*.

## LANGUAGE

18. Write a compound sentence with two independent clauses.

19. Write a sentence with a nonrestrictive clause (with a comma).

20. Write a sentence with a relative clause.

## COMPARING TEXTS

21. How does the author of "Teens and Tech" share his point of view with his readers?  
How does the author of "Black Hole" share her view on technology?

22. What did the first author say about technology that the second author would probably agree with?