

c You are going to write a similar article about smartphones. First with a partner, make a list of the advantages and disadvantages.



| Advantages | Disadvantages |
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d Now decide which are the three biggest advantages and number them 1–3 (1 = the biggest). Do the same with the disadvantages.

Useful language: writing about advantages and disadvantages

Listing advantages
 Firstly / First,... Second,... Third,...

Listing disadvantages
 On the other hand, there are also (some) disadvantages...
 For instance / For example...
 Also...
 Conclusion
 In conclusion / To sum up, I think...

e Write an article called “Smartphones – A great invention?” Start the article with this introduction.

Many people today don't just have a cell phone, they have a smartphone like an iPhone or a Blackberry. But is it a great invention? I think there are both advantages and disadvantages.

Write three more paragraphs. **Plan** what you're going to write. Use the **Useful language** to help you.

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| Paragraph 2 | Write two or three advantages. |
| Paragraph 3 | Write two or three disadvantages. |
| Paragraph 4 | Conclusion – decide if you think smartphones are a great invention or not. |

f Check your article for mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling).

10 A BIOGRAPHY

a Read a text about Mark Zuckerberg. Then rewrite the text with the extra information (sentences A–F) as relative clauses.

Mark Zuckerberg, the American computer programmer, was one of the founders of Facebook. In his teens he began to write software programs as a hobby. After graduating from high school he went to Harvard. While he was there he created a website called Facemash. It was shut down by the university, but it inspired him to create Facebook. He left Harvard and moved to California with Dustin Moskovitz, and together they made Facebook an international success. In 2012 Zuckerberg married Priscilla Chan.

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| Paragraph 1 | A Mark Zuckerberg was born in New York in 1984 |
| Paragraph 2 | B He studied computer science and sociology at Harvard C Facemash allowed students to share photos D He launched Facebook from his room in 2004 |
| Paragraph 3 | E Dustin Moskovitz had been his roommate |
| Paragraph 4 | F He had dated Priscilla Chan for nine years |

1 *Mark Zuckerberg, the American computer programmer, who was born in New York in 1984, was one of the founders of Facebook.*

b Cover A–F. Read the text again and try to remember the extra information.

c Write a short biography of an interesting or successful person you know about. Plan what you're going to write, and try to use some relative clauses.

d Check your biography for mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling).