

Has The Internet Made Teachers Redundant?

Question Analysis

'made teachers redundant': eliminated the need for teachers / made teachers unnecessary / rendered teachers obsolete / done away with the need for teachers / is now able to substitute teachers

In the 21st century, the Internet has radically transformed the educational landscape. Students now e_____ search engines for their research, turn to Youtube for homework help, and can even have their questions answered on v_____ forums manned by real experts. The abundance of self-help resources on the Internet _____ [grammar] prompted some to question if the Internet has made teachers redundant. In my opinion, d_____ the plethora of materials available online, the Internet has certainly not e_____ the need for teachers. In fact, teachers play an i_____ (pg 129) role which the Internet can never substitute.

To begin, the Internet has certainly not d_____ away with the need for teachers, who are essential in guiding students and motivating them. Not _____ students have a keen interest in learning, and there is always the boisterous young boy or rebellious ad_____ (pg 8) who may treat his studies with ind_____ (pg 136; a lack of interest). For many of these students, the Internet alone serves _____ purpose as an educational tool, as students lack the will and discipline to utilize the r_____ available to them. Instead, what these students require are words of encouragement, if not admonishment, from a teacher. The student-teacher relationship is o_____ that is of paramount importance. This is because teachers, with their persistence and sincerity, are the ones _____ will ultimately transform indolent and lackadaisical students into i_____ (pg 3; hardworking) and driven ones. In contrast, websites alone are unable to provide struggling learners with the necessary help, support and motivation. In fact, they might even serve to distract, _____ than direct. Hence, the Internet has not rendered teachers redundant, as teachers undeniably play a key r_____ in guiding and inspiring those under their care.

Secondly, teachers are still n_____ as they help instill the right values in students. Through their speech and actions, teachers d _ m _ _ _ _ _ exemplary behaviour which students can em_____. While watching children play and grow, teachers can also i _ _ _ _ _ (pg 22; instill) in them values such as compassion, empathy and teamwork. This is something which the Internet c_____ do. In fact, the Internet is home to a host of inappropriate and ap _ _ _ _ _ (pg 118; terrible) content such as violence, pornography and ra_____ (extremism). Young and imp_____

(pg 58) students who i _____ (pg 53; accidentally) stumble upon these websites may feel confused, or may even be led astray. Without the guidance of teachers in learning how best to utilize technology, the Internet can in fact be more de_____ (pg 7, harmful) than helpful. Hence, teachers are ultimately still needed to instill in students the right _____, so that they can grow up to be kind, thoughtful, and principled individuals.

Some may a_____ that the abundance of material online means that teachers are no longer needed in the classroom, as students can easily e_____ in independent learning. However, this is _____ true. For one, not everything on the Internet is c_____, and students need to be t_____ to read and think c_____. On the Internet, almost anyone can upload content or pass _____ as an expert, and it can be difficult for students to d _ s _____ (pg 133) credible sources _____ dubious ones. Amidst this vast sea of information, teachers play an ever-important role in equipping students _____ critical skills, such as the ability to ev_____ and ruminate on the content they have found. Information _____ serves no purpose, for it only becomes useful k_____ when it has been truly processed and understood. Therefore, the Internet has not made teachers redundant, as teachers are still needed to teach students to be d_____ readers (pg 133; demonstrating an ability to judge).

In conclusion, the Internet has certainly _____ eliminated the need for teachers. Teachers have always, and _____ always play a key role in a child's development. While we hop on the b_____ of digitizing learning, we must not forget the critical roles that teachers play.

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Answers

Introduction

employ, virtual, has, despite, eliminated, **indispensable** (pg 129)

Content Paragraph 1

done, all, **adolescent** (pg 8), **indifference** (pg 136), little, resources, one, who, **industrious** (pg 3), rather, role

Content Paragraph 2

needed/necessary, demonstrate, emulate, **inculcate** (pg 22), cannot, **appalling** (pg 118), radicalism, **impressionable** (pg 58), **inadvertently** (pg 53), **detrimental/deleterious** (pg 7), values

Content Paragraph 3

argue, engage, not, credible, trained/taught, critically, off, **discern** (pg 133), from, with, evaluate, alone, knowledge, **discerning** (pg 133)

Conclusion

not, will, bandwagon