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A Distraction that Corrupts

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People of this generation would not know what to do without their cell phones. A person without a cell phone in his or her hand would not know how to function or communicate. Cell phones have advanced with more technological concepts than what they were meant to perform. A cell phone is a distraction to everyone, whether it corrupts driving, relationships, communication skills, or grammar skills.

Every day, people send text messages or talk on the phone while driving down the road. When a person is texting and driving, this can cause the person to run off the road or swerve from side to side. A person is not paying attention to his or her surroundings while being occupied with a cell phone. Running off the road or swerving may cause a person to have a wreck. People never think that they will crash just by looking at their cellphones.

“Aw, man. I am so good; I can multitask,” says the everyday person who texts and drives. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, texting while driving kills 11 teens each day. Having a wreck causes a person to not only injure him or herself but also creates the capability of injuring someone else. Thirty-two percent of people use their phones while driving a car. People never think that they will have a wreck, but it gets the best of them and it happens.

Some people who have a cell phone can become addicted to it by excessive use. A person being on his or her phone non-stop can result in neglecting his or her family. People that use all their time on their cell phone never pay attention to the events happening around them, or the people that surround them. According to World Birth and Death Rates, “Some 55.3 million people die each year, 151,600 people die each day, 6,316 die each hour, 105 people die each minute, and nearly two people die each second.” Time with friends and family is limited. A person never knows when his or her last day is in this world. A person should not let a cell phone be his or her prize possession. Instead of people surrounding themselves with Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, or Hay Day, they need to latch on to family members and relationships and spend time with them.

Communication and grammar skills are very important. Cell phones have disrupted and destroyed how people talk and spell. Texting and talking on the phone have ruined communication skills. A person who always texts and calls by using his or her phone is more than likely not able to communicate very well face to face. An interview for a job offering does not let a person send in a text and more than likely does not let a person call over the phone. An interview will be face to face. A person who does not have good communication skills and who has always used the easy way out is more likely to not do great on the interview or communicate face to face.

Studies show that it makes it difficult for students who rely so heavily on technology to actually communicate to adults in person because they don't quite develop all of the necessary skills to hold or even start a face-to-face conversation. However, these skills are a crucial tool in the workforce.

Cell phones have made grammar skills difficult by abbreviating words and shortening words. Some people would spell the words text as “txt,” because as “bc,” laugh out loud as “lol,” what as “wat,” though as “tho,” and oh my gosh as “omg.” Cell phones have corrupted our communication and grammar skills to no end. Teen-
agers and adults misspell words because they are used to spelling words in text messaging that are abbreviated or shortened. People become uneducated each and every day.

A cell phone can be an advantage or a disadvantage to someone. It can be a distraction or a learning tool. Cell phones influence people in different ways. There are some people who will not pick up that phone when they are driving or let their cell phone control their lives and make them neglect their family and other relationships. Some people even text like they are writing an English paper wanting an excellent grade. The influence of a cell phone and how it affects a person depends on that person’s needs, wants, and morals.