

## Generation M



## Dictionary says: "Generation Multitasking today's teenagers, who are GM, do homework, watch TV and listen to/download music all at the same time."

### The quotes:

"The irony of multitasking is that it's exhausting: when you're doing two or three things simultaneously, you use more energy than the sum of energy required to do each task independently. You're also cheating yourself because your're not doing anything excellently"

"Most of the time multi-tasking is an illusion. You think you are multitasking, but in reality you are actually wasting time switching from one task to another"

### Translate into Russian:

to deal with to download occasionally to multitask to text smb impact to tell smb off fast-paced society essential extension to be fixed on to chat to come to a head Remember these words and their synonyms:

to deal with-to cope with occasionally-sometimes to text smb-to send written messages impact-effect to tell smb off-to speak to smb angreely extension-addition to be fixed on-stuck to chat-to talk

# Complete the gaps with the correct word:

Julia is a typical "Generation M" teenager. When there is no opportunity for face-to-face c\_\_\_\_\_\_, she uses the 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to stay in touch with her best friends, Katie and Maya. "I'm always t\_\_\_\_\_\_them or chatting to hem online!"

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### Check, please:

Julia is a typical "Generation M" teenager. When there is no opportunity for face-to-face <u>communication</u>, she uses the <u>laptop</u> to stay in touch with her best friends, Katie and Maya. "I'm always <u>texting</u> them or chatting to hem online!"

Like most teenagers, Julie loves to talk with her friends about everyday things: schoolwork, gossip and friendship. But, every now and then, her dad <u>telling</u> her <u>off</u>.

"Dad says I should stop gossiping on the Net and <u>concentrate</u> on my homework.

He says the keyboard is becoming an **extension** of my arm!"

"In this <u>fast-paced</u> world we live in, Julia's unlikely to give up her mobile or the Internet but she says she promises to spend a little more time on her studies!



## Is multitasking good or bad

### Think about its:

advantages

disadvantages

Let's have a look at the words which can be new to you:

wizard-волшебник

pitfalls-западня, ловушка, опасность distraction-отвлекающий фактор

to encourage-поддерживать, вовлекать, способствовать

to retain-хранить в памяти, запоминать to recall-вспоминать, воспроизводить в памяти culprit-причина проблемы, корень зла

#### Mark the statements as true or false:

- 1) Children who multi-task have problems with focusing and understanding information.
- 2) There is no need to turn off TV when doing homework.
- 3) Reading doesn't help kids to focus better.
- 4) If you can't recall what you read the evening before –it may be a sign that multi-tasking is a culprit.
- 5) Being able to perform several activities nowadays is a necessary skill but knowing how to focus on one activity is much more critical for the development of kids.

Answer the questions about the lesson. For answer Yes-show the circle  $\bigcirc$ , for answer No-the square  $\square$ :

- 1. Have I learned new interesting information about Generation M or multitasking?
- 2. Will I try not to multitask?
- 3. Did I work well during the lesson? Did I do my best?

### Be honest, please! ③

### Homework:

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