The definitions below provide just-in-time support for understanding challenging words in the prompt and sources. Use them as needed while you read.

## **Prompt**

**Acknowledge** (verb): note the existence of

**Address** (verb): respond to

**Counterclaims** (noun): arguments against your position on the issue

**Benefits** (noun): positive elements, effects, or outcomes

**Defend** (verb): stand up for

**Interacting** (verb): working with

**Portable** (adj.): able to be carried around

**Potential** (adj.): possible

**Recommended** (adj.): suggested

**Relevant** (adj.): related

## "Media Benefits for Children and Teenagers" by Lee Burton and The Raising Children Network, raisingchildren.net.au

**Awareness** (noun): knowledge of current events and issues

**Benefit** (verb): help

**Blogs** (noun): websites designed to express thoughts or encourage discussion

**Chat rooms** (noun): online discussion groups

**Consumers** (noun): people who buy or use products

**Cooperate** (verb): work together

**Depend** (verb): controlled or determined by

**Developmental** (adj.): relating to growth and development

**Disturbing** (adj.): causing worry

**Diversity** (noun): differences among people

**Encourage** (verb): give confidence and support

**Ethical** (adj.): relating to decisions of what is right or wrong

**Expose** (verb): allow something to be seen

**Fly-in Fly-out** (adj): referring to people who fly to and from their work

**Harm** (verb): hurt

**Influence** (verb): have an effect on someone

**Intellectual** (adj.): relating to thinking and understanding ideas

**Interacting** (verb): working with

**Literacy** (noun): the ability to read, write, and understand

**Media** (noun): forms of mass communication like TV or radio

**Numeracy** (noun): the ability to use numbers

**Observing** (verb): watching

**Political** (adj.): related to the government

**Problem-solving** (adj.): related to the ability to find an answer in a given situation

**Social benefits** (noun): positive outcomes from interacting with other people

**Video-modelling** (noun): videos that teach particular skills

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## "Kids and Screen time: What Does the Research Say?" by Juana Summers, NPR.org, August 28, 2014

**Access** (noun): ability to see or use

**Behavioral issues** (noun): concerns about a child’s ability to act appropriately

**Competent** (adj.): functional

**Demonize** (verb): present as evil

**Determining factor** (noun): the important influence that contributes to an outcome

**Distinguished** (adj.): respected

**Distraction** (noun): something that takes a person’s attention

**Drastically** (adv.): suddenly and extremely

**Evolved** (verb): developed gradually over time

**Exposure** (noun): seeing or using something

**Facial** (adj.): relating to the face

**Findings** (noun): the results of an experiment

**Increasingly** (adv.): in an amount that becomes greater with time

**Inhibiting** (verb): getting in the way of

**Interacting** (verb): working together

**Irregular** (adj.): not predictable

**Modeled** (verb): demonstrated

**Nonverbal cues** (noun): gestures and behavior that express thoughts without using words

**Obesity** (noun): being severely overweight

**Prescription** (noun): advice from a doctor

**Ranging** (verb): including

**Recognize** (verb): notice and understand

**Roughly** (adv.): approximately

**Significantly** (adv.): to a greater degree

**Species** (noun): a type of plant or animal

**Spokeswoman** (noun): a woman who speaks on behalf of a company or organization

## Pros and Cons of Kids Using Digital Technology

**Access** (noun): ability to reach or see

**Approach** (noun): way of addressing something

**Common sense** (noun): basic ideas about the right way of doing things

**Communicate** (verb): share ideas with others

**Devices** (noun): objects made for a particular purpose, especially mechanical or electronic equipment

**Digital** (adj.): describing electronic devices that use data

**Engaged** (noun): actively working

**Grammatical** (adj.): relating to rules about language

**Limits** (noun): boundaries

**Interact** (verb): work together

**Psychology** (noun): a branch of science that studies human thoughts, feelings, and behaviors

**Recommended** (verb): suggested

**Relevant** (adj.): related to the current time in society

**Social** (adj.): relating to the interaction of people

**Therapist** (noun): a person who works with people on their mental, emotional, and behavioral health