# Using a Reading to Choose a Research Topic Worksheet

In this worksheet, we’ll help you come up with some workable research questions about the use of technology in our everyday lives.

Read this article with the goal to find as many topics as you can from the article. Here is a full citation to the article:

* Turkle, Sherry. “Can you hear me now?” Forbes, vol. 179, no. 10, May 2007, pp. 176-82 EBSCOhost, https://search-ebscohost-com.proxy.wexler.hunter.cuny.edu/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bth&AN=24834935&site=ehost-live.

For example, one of Turkle’s overall questions is: “How is technology affecting us?” We can use this question as a starting point. Let’s think about each of the terms more deeply and come up with some specifics from the article.

**How is** **Technology** **Affecting** **Us**?

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| How is **Technology** Affecting Us? | How is Technology **Affecting** Us? **(Affecting what?)** | How is Technology Affecting **Us**? |
| cell phones  lap tops  texting  online dating  social media  Google  Wikipedia  Facebook  Twitter | how we communicate  bullying  romantic relationships  how students do research  how young people develop their independence  how we learn | adults  adolescents  teenagers  children  college students  high school students |

**Technology**: (narrow down by type of technology): cell phones, lap tops, texting, online dating, Google, Wikipedia, Facebook, Twitter

**Affecting what:** how we communicate, bullying, relationships, how students do research, etc.

**Us:** adults, adolescents, teenagers, children, college students, high school students

Then we make new combinations which are narrower, more specific questions. For example:

* How are cell phones affecting teenager’s development of independence from their parents?
* How are laptops in the classroom affecting how high school students learn?
* How has texting affected teenagers’ romantic relationships?
* How has Google affected how college students do academic research?
* How has social media affected bullying among adolescents?

Following the model we presented above, choose a different question that comes up as you read this article and see how you might narrow it down.

You may handwrite responses here or type them here or in a separate document. If your professor wants you to submit your responses, ask them where they would like you to submit responses if you need to do so electronically. Note to faculty: some students need to turn their work in electronically for accessibility reasons.

**Questions Derived from Turkle**:

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