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## Is modern life too complicated?

By Tali Campbell

Is life too complicated? It depends how you think about it. We have modern technology for the better and the worse. Back in the day they had black and white T. V.'s and not much other technology. Sometimes, we start looking back to past times when it was easy, and cheap to buy things. Few shops were around and it was easier to bargain. Today we have multiple shops trying to give us deals and it is hard to choose. Shopping for food and other items is more complicated now compared to when my grandparents were kids. My grandparents would just walk 5-10 minutes down the street and there would only be one grocery store and prices were fairly low. Today we have huge corporations that produce food, all trying to compete so it is a race to see which one has the best deals. It was also simpler then because nowadays things are no longer organic; The majority of vegetables nowadays have preservatives on them, and if not they are hard to find and the cost is three to four more. In the past vegetables would come right from the garden to the grocery store shelf. Today they get out of the garden, and then they move into factories which then they put chemicals on them to make the "look" fresh for weeks. Today it is harder and more complicated to make decisions than before!

The problem with all the new technology is that it's made life more confusing. It seems like we need

to learn a new piece of modern technology every month, which makes it hard to keep up to date. At the same time, we are a lot more connected to the world with computers, cell phones etc but it does make life more stressful, as well as complicated, because we have a great deal of cyber bullying on the computers and cell phones. Our society seems to be turning into one full of "tech geeks." Eventually people will no longer talk face to face but from cell to cell, or computer to computer.

Overall, I think modern technology makes life easier for us. I personally use the computer for many things and honestly I would not know the latest news around the world, latest events, birthday parties, and other information without it! The computer is where I store all my information, from notes for stories, to pictures, to reminders of what I need to do. For me life with modern technology is easier, and as much as we need to keep learning the new gadget I think it's worth it.

Are social issues like bullying and gangs more complicated now? Yes. There are more people with guns and other weapons. Even though there are more gangs and more violence, there are also people who can help. There are centres open to assist victims. Drug use, which was never a good idea, is even more dangerous because drugs are different than before! Dealers have started to poison them and they are 10 times worse for you now. Despite the increase in gangs and violence, overall, in some aspects life today is more complicated than before, but also other things are easier. We face surrounding

issues whether it's 1901 or 1950 or 2010. There will always be complication in the society. We call them "speed bumps" and they are there to challenge your moral health and make you a stronger person!

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