

What would happen if you quit texting for a week?

1. Discuss the questions.

- Which of these are connected with making a phone call, sending a text message or both?
 - texting with someone
 - using punctuation correctly
 - typing very quickly
 - communicating
 - hearing someone's tone of voice
 - leaving a voicemail
- Do you prefer to make phone calls or send text messages? Why?
- How many messaging platforms do you use?

2. Read the questions below and replace the underlined verbs with their synonyms in the box.

eliminate

quit

receive

request

respond

verify

- a) How many text messages do you get every day? How many messages do you send? Are these numbers higher at the weekend?
- b) Do you check your punctuation before sending a text?
- c) When you send someone a text, do you expect them to answer immediately? Do you ever make phone calls to answer to your friends' messages? Why (not)?
- d) Would you like to get rid of quick conversations that happen through messaging platforms and replace them with real conversations?
- e) When your friends want to ask for help, do they call or text you?
- f) Would you like to stop texting for a week? Why (not)?



3. Answer the questions from ex. 2 using the verbs in the box.

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4. You're going to watch a video about a woman who tried to quit texting for a week. Discuss the questions. Then, watch the [video](https://youtu.be/MIE8K2nuK00) [https://youtu.be/MIE8K2nuK00] to check.

a) Do you think she didn't send any messages for a week?

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b) How did she feel about not being able to text for a week?

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5. Watch the [video](#) again and write questions for the answers.

a)?

We use texting to make a plan or ask someone a quick question.

b)?

It can lead to miscommunication. When you're texting with someone, they can't always hear your tone of voice. Or if you're doing it quickly, you might not use punctuation correctly and someone might not understand your intention.

c)?

In the evenings.

d)?

She finally spoke with one person that she had never had a phone conversation with in her life.

e)?

They responded differently. The friends she sees all the time and communicates with a lot were annoyed by it because it made their lives more inconvenient. But the friends she doesn't see as much or she doesn't talk to as much liked it.

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6. Look at the questions below and choose the answers which are true for you (a or b).

- If you were the woman from the video, would you decide to quit texting for a week?
 - a) If I were her, I wouldn't decide to quit texting for a week.
 - b) If I were her, I would decide to quit texting for a week.
- What would happen if you stopped texting for a week?
 - a) If I stopped texting for a week, my everyday life would be very difficult.
 - b) If I stopped texting for a week, I wouldn't have any problems because I don't usually send many text messages.
- Would your friends be annoyed if you didn't text them for a week?
 - a) If I didn't text my friends for a week, they would be annoyed.
 - b) If I didn't text my friends for a week, they would be happy because I would call them more often.

7. Study the questions and answers above and choose the correct words in bold in the Second Conditional rules.

SECOND CONDITIONAL RULES
a) We use <i>if</i> + past/present to talk about imagined or hypothetical situations and <i>would</i> or <i>wouldn't</i> + infinitive/gerund to talk about the result.
b) We can also use Second Conditional to give advice/facts .
c) When we use the verb <i>be</i> in the <i>if</i> part of the sentence, we can/can't use <i>were</i> after <i>I, he, she, it</i> .

8. Complete the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- a) He (do) more exercise if he (have) more time.
- b) If she (be) taller, she (play) basketball.
- c) The air (be) cleaner if people (not drive).

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- d) If I (be) you, I (go) to the doctor.
- e) If we (meet) Tom Hanks, we (not know) what to say.
- f) If they (buy) a car, they (go) away every weekend.

9. Write questions for the answers.

- a)?
The world would be a happier place if there were no wars.
- b)?
If I saw a wolf in the forest, I would run away.
- c)?
If I lost my job tomorrow, I would move to a different country and look for a new one.
- d)?
If I were the president of my country, I would give all people equal rights.
- e)?
If my friends could travel anywhere, they would travel to Japan.