

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths:

- Strong emotional appeal through vivid imagery of children being consumed by screens
- Clear thesis statement about the need for screen time restrictions

Weaknesses: Imprecise word choice → Your opening uses dramatic terms like "satanic" and "demonic" which weaken your argument's credibility. These words create an overly sensational tone that might make readers dismiss your valid concerns.

Imagine a society where young children spend countless hours mesmerised by screens, their developing minds caught in an endless cycle of videos and games, driven by sophisticated algorithms designed to capture and hold their attention.

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths:

- Good connection between screen time and social isolation
- Clear solution proposed through restrictions

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped ideas → Your paragraph mentions social isolation but doesn't fully explore how screen time directly impacts children's social development. You could strengthen this by describing specific social skills that are affected.

When children spend excessive time on devices, they miss crucial opportunities to develop fundamental social skills like reading facial expressions, understanding body language, and learning to navigate real-world relationships with their peers.

#3 (Fourth paragraph): Strengths:

- Relevant example of social media addiction
- Practical solution offered through parental controls

Weaknesses: Limited evidence → Your discussion about social media addiction would be more compelling if you included specific examples of how it affects daily activities and routines.

Social media platforms use endless scrolling features and personalised content to keep children engaged, causing them to lose track of time and neglect important activities like homework, physical exercise, and family interactions.

■ Your persuasive piece shows promise in identifying important concerns about screen time, but needs deeper development of ideas. Focus on strengthening your opening paragraph by using more measured language that will better convince your readers. You could improve the second paragraph by giving concrete examples of how social isolation affects children's development. Additionally, when discussing addiction in the fourth paragraph, include more specific details about how excessive screen time disrupts daily life. Your conclusion could be stronger by reinforcing your main arguments about social, physical, and mental health impacts. Try to maintain a more balanced tone throughout your writing that acknowledges both the benefits and risks of screen technology.

Score: 43/50

Section 2:

~~Imagine a society where children as young as two years old staring at screens~~ [Imagine a society where children as young as two years old stare at screens], their eyes manipulated into watching television and playing video games ~~on end~~ [endlessly], with ~~satanic~~ [compelling] algorithms designed to addict and consume, ~~the evil suction~~ [the powerful pull] so powerful that it would be difficult to stop once started. ~~The demonic device~~ [The captivating device] is almost a sentient being created to draw people into a [an] unescapable black hole, defined by the darkness of its consequences. #1

As children grow up addicted to these screens because of unlimited screen time, the consequences start appearing. From being more isolated, physical health consequences and becoming addicted, the aftermath of unlimited screen time can be fatal. However, if children have restrictions that can help regulate how much screen time they have, it can reduce the risk of the consequences stated above and help them live a healthier life.

#2 First of all, unlimited access to screen time can result in feeling less social or isolated. For example, if children have unlimited screen time, they will be less willing to go outside and be social with others face to face, but instead stay inside the house and look at their devices. Not only does this have a negative effect on their wellbeing, ~~it~~ [it will] disrupt their social network. If we have restrictions on screen time, this will first of all, reduce the amount of time spent on devices but also make a bar where you have to stop, so you can't keep on going. This will give children more time to go outside, play with friends and connect with other people. To implement this, I believe that we should have a certain limit of screen time per day for "play" ~~as~~ [as] a law. Some countries only allow children to play video games on weekends, which can also be applied

to this scenario. Hence, restricting children's screen time can prevent them from the consequences of unlimited screen time.

In addition, unlimited access to screen time can result in physical health consequences. All screens give off a blue light that can damage our eyes in the long term. This can result in having sight issues, which are permanent and irreversible. Since sight issues are so final, we need to make sure it doesn't happen at all, by giving restrictions on screen time so children can avoid facing the consequences of sight loss. Although there are many solutions to this, such as anti-blue ray glasses that prevent any of those harmful blue light rays from reaching your eyes, the easiest solution is to implement a law that states some restrictions such as two hours of screen time per day for entertainment purposes.

#3 Furthermore, unlimited screen time can cause children to become addicted to devices. Devices have many features that can make children addicted to them. One of them is social media. Social media platforms are actually designed to keep you watching, to become addicted. Someone could scroll through TikTok for an hour without even realising. This is because social media feeds you short content which not only reduces your attention span but keeps you watching. If we don't have a limited amount of screen time set for children, social media can get in the way of our lives, and cause them to be stuck to their devices. One way to solve this is to, obviously implement a policy, but another is to use the Parental Controls on devices. Parental Controls can set time limits on your children's devices, making it easier than ever to regulate your child's screen time.

Ultimately, screen time should be restricted because of its devastating impact on children, with negative effects such as social isolation, sight loss and addiction. With restrictions to regulate screen time, our generation will be able to avoid those consequences and grow up to be healthier and smarter.