**Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants**

They’re everywhere: in coffee shops, on the train, in restaurants, at work. They’**re texting**; they’**re tweeting**; they’**re googling**; they’**re checking** social media; they’**re taking** selfies; they’**re listening** to music. And yes, they’**re** even **working**. They’re always connected. These are the “digital natives.”

Born at the end of the twentieth century and the beginning of the twenty-first century, digital natives **don’t know** life without technology. The first generation of digital natives **is** now **entering** the workforce and changing the way we work. More and more younger people **are** **working** from home, in coffee shops, or anyplace. They’**re bringing** their personal equipment into the workplace too. They **switch** back and forth between their social and professional lives. They **don’t see** the need to separate the two.

Some older people **are adapting** well to technology. Some people call them "digital immigrants." Others are **having trouble**. Some **are refusing** to use any new technology.

Older people often **think** that technology **is** **growing** too fast. Look at the older people around you. **Do** they **have** smartphones? **Do** they **have** earbuds in their ears? **Are** they **texting**? Many older people **prefer** to share information with a small group of friends. Digital natives share information globally.

The younger generations **want** high-tech devices that do everything: take pictures, send texts and photos, provide music and videos, and connect them with friends around the world. What **does** the older generation **want** from technology? In many cases, Grandma and Grandpa **want** a device that **connects** them to family and friends. They like to see pictures of grandchildren. Some even **love** to have a video chat with family.

As more and more technology **is entering** every aspect of our lives, the digital divide between generations is widening.

**Comprehension Check:** Based on the reading, tell if the statement is true (T) or false (F).

**1.** Many digital natives are always connected.

**2.** Seventy-five percent of older people use smartphones.

**3.** Digital immigrants usually want a device that does many things.

**Contrasting the Simple Present and the Present Continuous**

