

## Read the article and answer the questions.

Ethan and his classmates sit next to each other in a seventh-grade English class in Thailand. They are not listening to their teacher or taking notes. Ethan is learning the week's vocabulary by watching a video on his Ipad . Other students are writing answers to a question and answer exercise with digital pens on their own tablets. When they need help, they type a quick message to their teacher, who answers on his own Ipad.



In today's world, tablet computers are changing education. Tablets are more convenient than books. They are more portable, and they have more features. Many teachers believe that in the future, the best jobs will require students to have strong online skills. They also believe that tablets allow students to be more creative. As an example, students in a history class in Singapore are using an app to discover and "rebuild" an ancient city. To start, they take a video tour of the ancient city of Maccu Piccu . With a tablet, they can "take a tour ". It is as if they were really there. Next, they use an app to design their own city. Finally, they turn their designs into a presentation and share them instantly on their screens. The students use creativity to solve their own problems. Teachers also find students are more motivated.

Another advantage of tablet education is that it can improve student's test scores. This is because tablets and other online devices allow teachers to help students **in real time**. Not only that, teachers can quickly look at online data that helps them understand the difficulties and needs of individual students. They can also use AI tools that give them useful feedback about student performances.



Still, no technology is perfect. There are the usual problems of lack of internet access and slow wifi connections. Another disadvantage is that students can get easily distracted. After they complete their assignments, some students end up playing a game or texting a friend. They stop concentrating on the teacher and the classroom. This can be frustrating for teachers. Students often miss important information. They get lazy. They don't do their homework. Too much distraction can also have a negative impact on students' grades.



How can these kinds of problems be solved? For one, teachers are going to need more training in using tablets for education. Second, all students need to have reasonable quality devices and good wifi connections. And parents must also learn to adapt to technology they never had in school. But, if students, parents, and teachers can work together, this new type of classroom could become the classroom of the future and prepare children for success in our connected, digital world.

1 What are the differences between tablets and books for learning?

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2. What are the advantages of tablet education?

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:3. What are the disadvantages of tablet education?

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4. What are some solutions to these disadvantages?

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5. What is your opinion about tablet education? Explain.

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## Digital Classroom

- 1 Tablets are more convenient, more portable and have more features.
- 2 They teach students to have online skills. This will help students get jobs in the future.
- 3 Some students lack internet access. And sometimes students have problems with slow connections. And students can be easily distracted by online games etc.
- 4 Teachers need more training about tablet instruction. Students need to have good devices and good internet connections.
- 5 Students, parents and teachers should work together.
- 6 It will prepare students for success in the connected, digital world.
- 7 Answers will vary.