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The Internet is amazing. There's so many things it helps us with in life. If your going to bake a cake, just look it up. If you need to know anything about everything, it is more than likely that it's somewhere in the vast existence of the Internet. But, it also has some downsides. The Internet can be a dangerous place including addiction, cheating, and inappropriate content.

Addiction, it can be devastating. Kids nowadays spend more of their time inside and on the Internet, than outside and being active. The world, particularly the U.S is climbing in obesity rates, and declining in physically active kids and teenagers. Examples of Internet addiction includes being addicted to games, any type of social media, or spending days binge-watching tv-shows or movies. The Internet offers countless things to be addicted to. Addiction can be dangerous and detrimental to the physical and mental health of anyone.

The act of cheating is explored by many, but with the internets "help" it's achieved by most. If you're a student in school you use the Internet for practically everything. For myself, I probably use it on every other assignment I get. That's a lot of reliance. You wouldn't believe how many times I've had an open notes quiz and got to use the Internet, and found the entire quiz on a quizlet. I admit, it's wrong, but I still do it. Not only is this cheating for a student, the teacher is cheating too. The student is too lazy to study, and the teacher is to lazy to teach or write their

own tests. That's the Internet, fast, easy, and helps us avoid our responsibilities. But that's what it's come to, everyone just wants the quick, and easy way out of things. The sad part is that I've become part of that “everyone”.

Lastly, not only is the Internet dangerous, it's inappropriate. When I was younger I noticed it. I would be playing on some website, then all the sudden I would see a pop up ad that contained something with mature content. Obviously knowing now, I'd want to protect today's kids that are now in that situation. Service providers have tried to block these things, but it's simply unavoidable and causing kids to grow up faster than they should. There needs to be something in place so that nationwide, it's not a problem to think about. Parental controls for example are useful, but unless a parent takes the time to set boundaries on practically everything, their children will be introduced to these mature ideas. Even parents setting boundaries isn't enough, because then you have other kids parents who your child is around who don't care, it's a never ending battle.

In conclusion, the Internet is a dangerous place including addiction, cheating, and inappropriate content. Growing up in this technological age, I firsthand experienced some of these harmful effects. The Internet in retrospect can't be shut down, but I believe it should be more regulated, and harder for kids to stumble upon something inappropriate. This goes for all people, a person should only use the Internet if they are mature and able to deal with its consequences.