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> ### OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD
> *(without giving it too much thought or having too much knowledge)*

What kinds of people don't use the internet and what are the disadvantages of not using the internet?

Oh, that's not something I've ever given any thought to, but <u>off the top of my head</u>… I guess that there might be a large percentage of the elderly who do not use it. Moreover, in certain parts of the world, they may not yet have internet access. As for the drawbacks of this… the internet is a huge resource, like a mobile library, that you can tap into whenever and wherever you like so this is definitely a handicap for those without it.

> ### BY AND LARGE
> *(on the whole; everything considered)*

Why do some people refuse to eat animals?

Well, <u>by and large,</u> I guess there are three fundamental reasons. Firstly, certain religions such as Buddhism imply that the eating of animals is wrong. Secondly, some consider it morally unacceptable to kill animals for food. And finally, health conscious individuals refrain from eating meat because it is considered bad for health.

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MY GUT FEELING
(an instinctive feeling, rather than an opinion based on facts)

Do you think technology has brought us closer or not?

Oh, that's not something I've ever considered before, but my gut feeling is that it probably has. I know that it could be argued that we spend far too much time on electronic gadgets and do not interact with our families as much as before; however, we can keep in touch with people who live further afield whereas in the past we might have lost touch with them.