

the good childhood
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children today
grow up in a world
where the only
constant
is
CHANGE

Name this country...

- ✓ **Richest in the world**
- ✓ **Centre of world business and finance**
- ✓ **World centre of innovation**
- ✓ **Strongest education system in the world**
- ✓ **Highest standard of living**

Great Britain ...in 1900



During the course
of the next 5 minutes...



15 babies

Will be born in the UK

244 babies

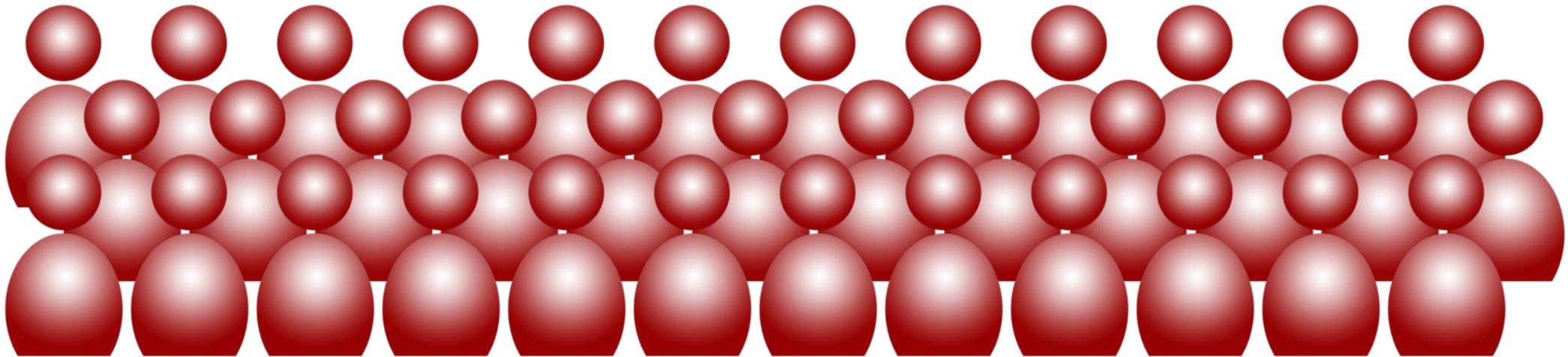
Will be born in China

351 babies

Will be born in India



**By 2031 the population of the UK
will have grown to 67 million**



**In 2006 25% of babies born in
the UK had a
foreign mother or father...**



...but **50%**
of the population
view immigrants
negatively



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**In 1971 25% of the population
was under 16**

in 2003 the figure was 20%



**by 2031 it's
predicted to
be 17%**

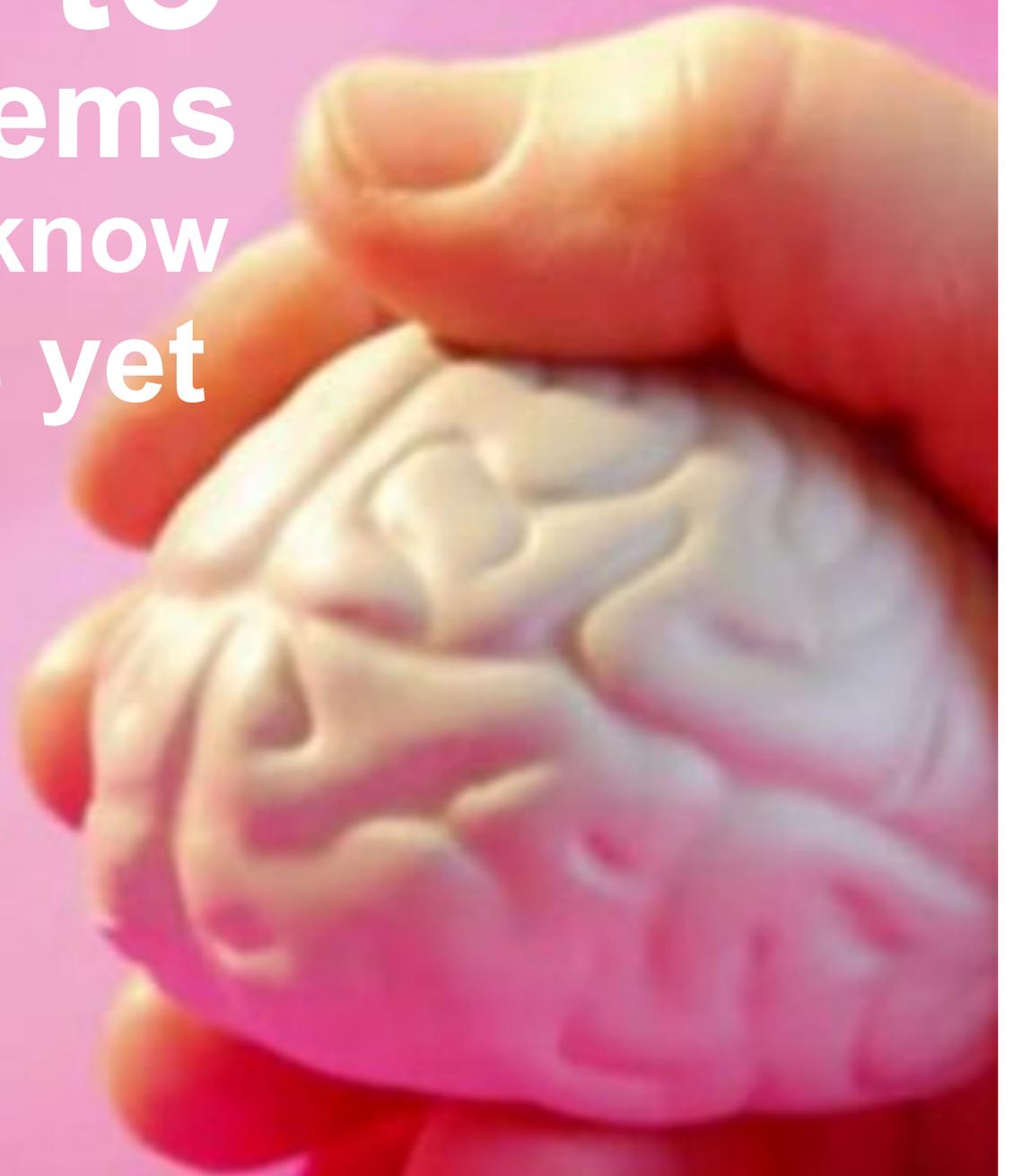
A photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, two red chairs with black metal frames are visible. The background is a bright green wall. In the upper left corner, a portion of a whiteboard is visible. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**We are currently
preparing students
for jobs that
don't yet exist...**

using technologies
that haven't
been invented...



**in order to
solve problems
we don't even know
are problems yet**



“ We can't solve problems
by using the same kind
of thinking we used when
we created them. ”

Albert Einstein



In the UK,
98% of 12 year-olds
want
“**to do well at school**”



And yet,

62%

of 12 year-olds
don't like going to
school



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There are over **300 million** active users of **Facebook**



with more than **6 billion**
minutes spent on
Facebook everyday



If **Facebook** were a country,
it would be the **4th largest in the world**

(between Indonesia and USA)



49% of 8-17 year olds **are signed up** to a social networking site

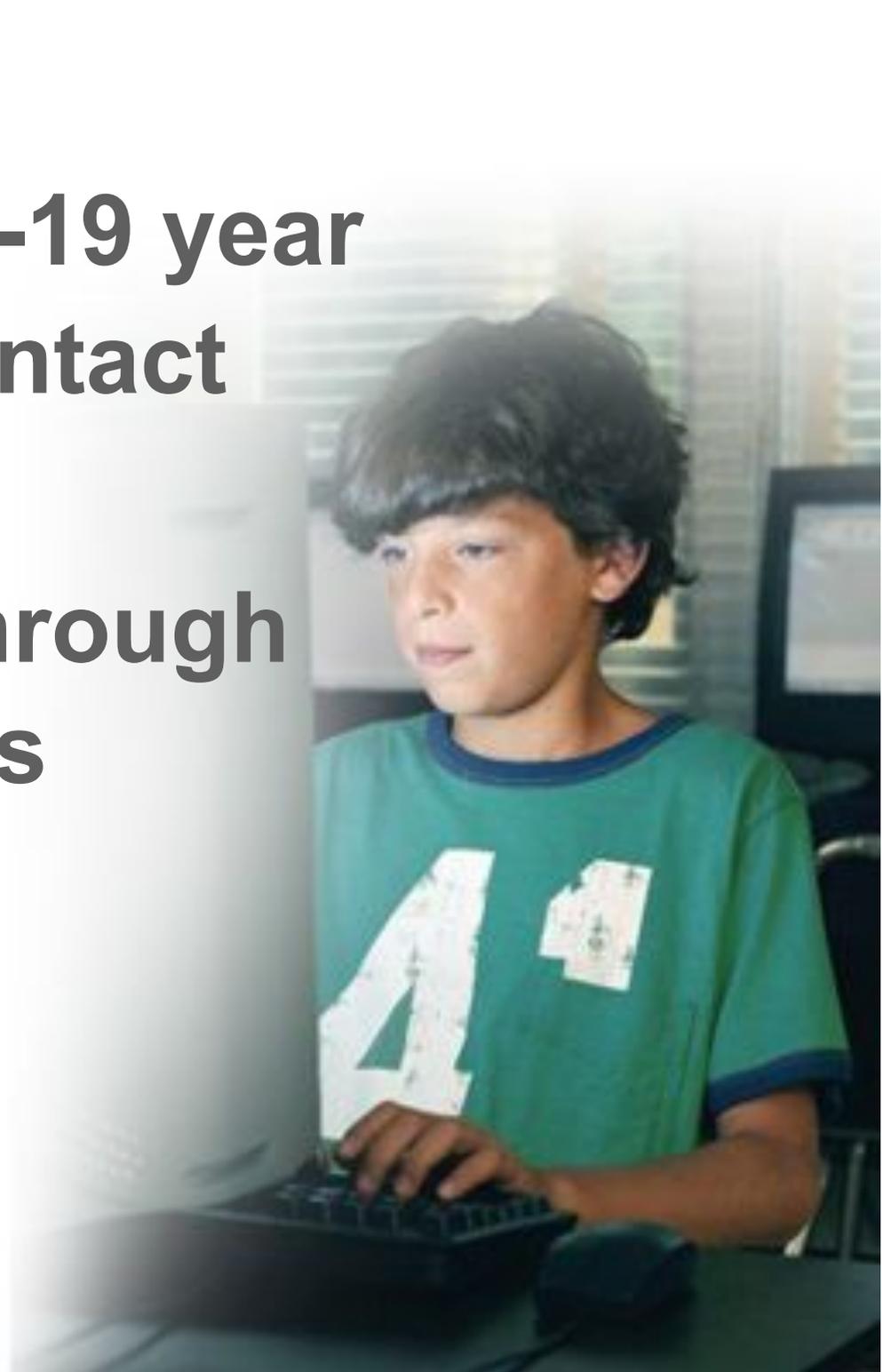
what happens to the **51%** of those that **are not** ?



23% of 7-16 year olds say **no** **one** has talked to them about online safety



One in **four** 9-19 year olds have had contact with **online pornography** through unsolicited emails



Nearly 350,000
children aged under
20 have **parents** with
alcohol or **drug**
related problems



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**What would you change about
your life if you
could?**

**‘Be a better
person’**

11 year old boy

**Children absorb
and learn their
values from those
around them**



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30% of 10 to 17 year olds in receipt of an ASBO had a diagnosed **mental health** disorder or **learning difficulty**

What makes a good life for young people?

‘To socialise and not to be discriminated against because we are young. We are not all thugs and vandals’

anonymous

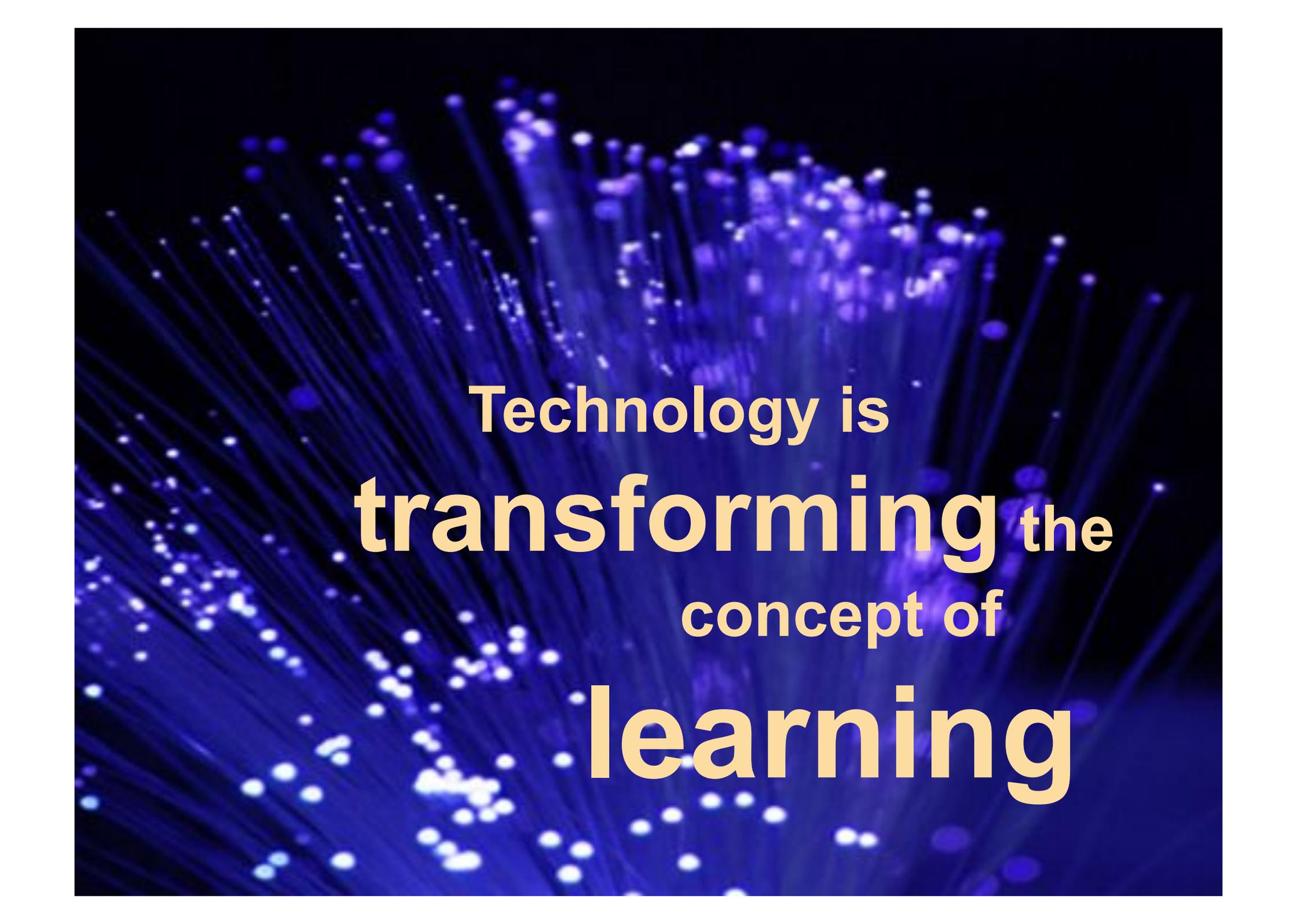


In 2008, **51%** of
young people were
the **victim** of a
crime...



The number of text messages sent and received every day **exceeds the total population of the planet**



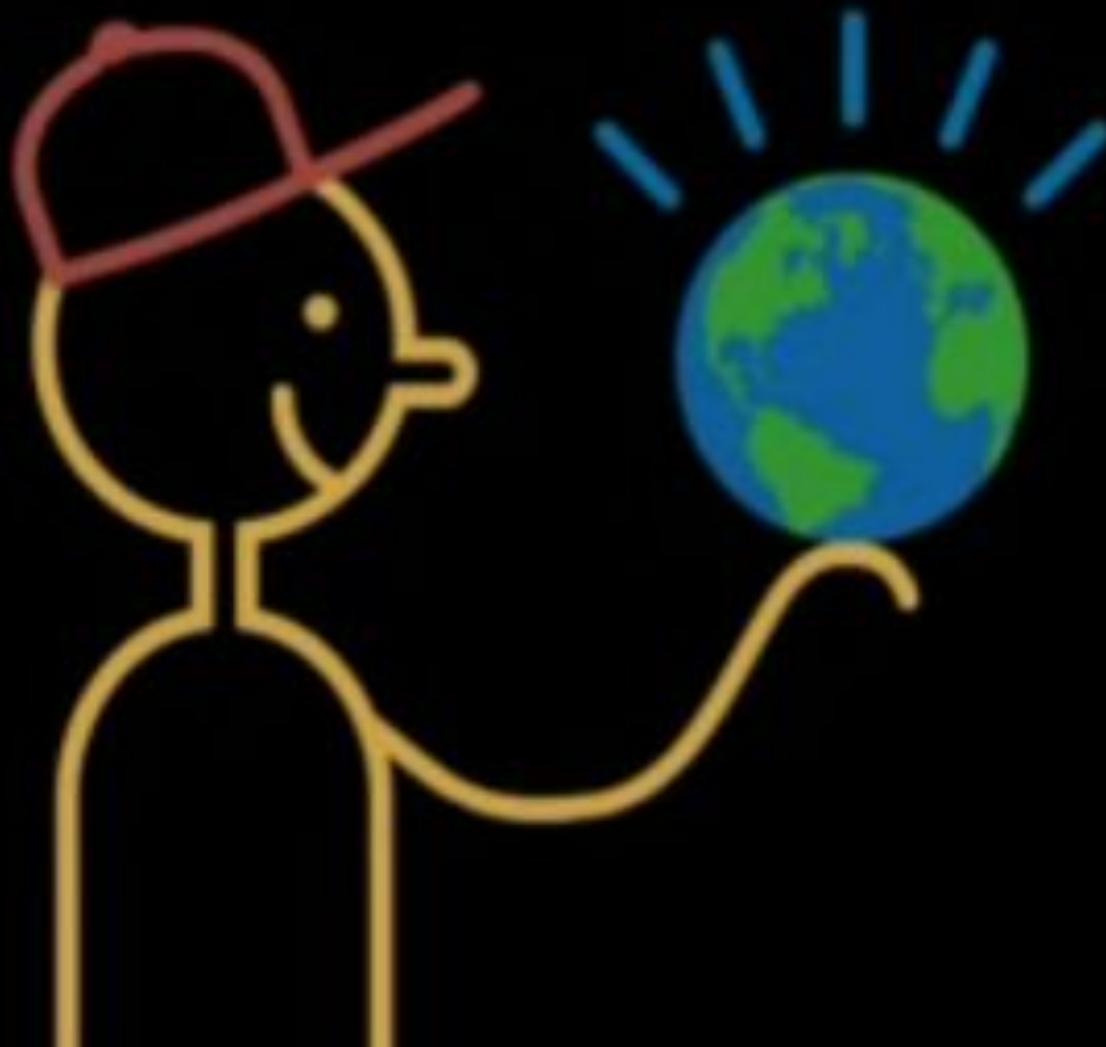


Technology is
transforming the
concept of
learning

Children who have never held a
textbook will soon hold the world



and be **CONNECTED**



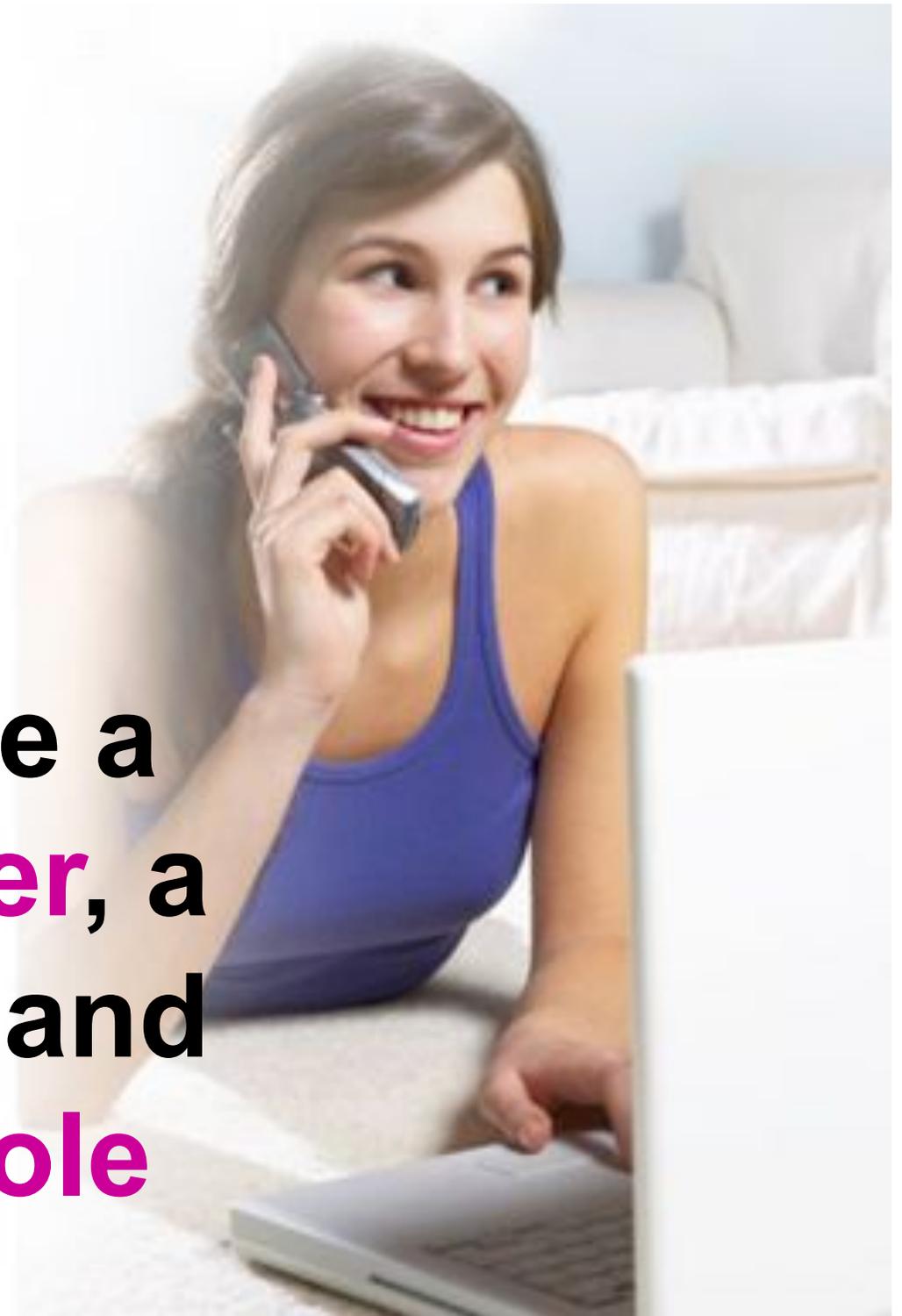
Children aged **5-16** spend an
average of almost
6 hours a day
In front of a **screen**



Half of 5-10 year olds and
95% of 11-16 year olds
own a **mobile** phone



**9 out of 10
teenagers have a
home computer, a
mobile phone and
a games console**

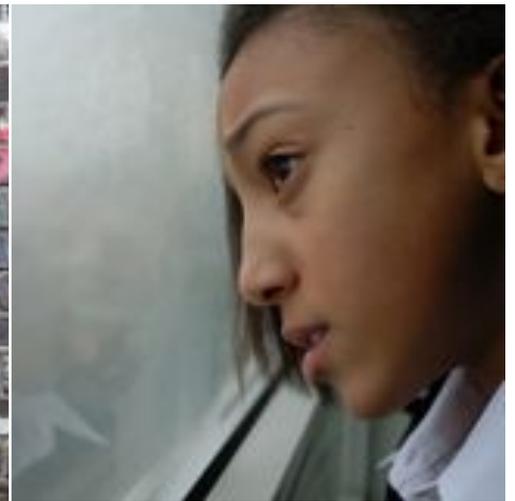


And they have sent/received
250,000 emails
or instant messages



Isn't this worth talking about?





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