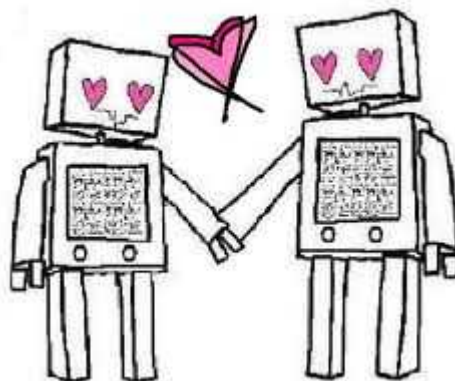


Conversation Digital Divide



Conversation

Yumi : I often hear the **buzzword** "digital divide." What exactly does it mean?

Takashi : It's a newly minted catch phrase. It's been spreading rapidly in the United States since a report was released a few years ago about "Net dropouts."

Yumi : It sounds kind of negative.

Takashi : Yeah, you're right. But that's only the upside of the "divide." It has a

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Word Booster

digital divide	the gap between those who have computers with Internet access and those who do not, as well as the gap between those who are
drop out	failure to read a bit of stored information.
inequality	lack of equality; disparity
lag (behind)	to move slowly, backward in terms of technology
animosity	hostility, unfriendliness
barriers	hindrance, walls between (something)
buzzword	famous words or phrases