

THE IMPACT OF TEXT MESSAGING AND INSTANT MESSAGING ON
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This research was conducted as a qualitative study that used grounded theory to explore the impact of text messaging on adolescent social behavior and social skills. This new age of electronics has permeated almost every phase of our relational being. The study looks at our current use of electronic communication and asks the question: Are the social behavior and social skills of adolescents who text impacted from the perspective of the developmental model of Erik Erikson and the attachment model of John Bowlby? The research comes to some conclusions about whether the replacement of face-to-face contact by electronic messaging is affecting and impacting adolescents in the area of social skills and social behavior.