

Reading Lesson

A1 Science: Friends or “Friends”?

Summary: The reading explains why social media should be used carefully when making friends, communicating and sharing information.

Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Skills: Reading, Writing, Speaking

Language focus: Vocabulary

Materials needed: One worksheet per student

Reading

Have students read the text and explain how social media has impacted their friendships and other relationships.

Key:

Answers may vary.

Vocabulary

Key:

1. face-to-face
2. friendship
3. on social media
4. communication
5. body language

Comprehension

Key:

1. d
2. c
3. a
4. e
5. b

Thinking

Have students respond to the question in small group discussion or in writing.

Extension

Point out the information about the blog writer. Explain to students that social scientists study different aspects of society, such as relationships, human behavior, social trends and fads. They look at characteristics of different cultures, age groups, and socio-economic groups. They study changes in societies through history and predict future changes.

After students have read the article, ask if they can think of any more pros or cons of social media. Ask if they think, in general, social media is a positive or a negative factor in society.