



2 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases with the correct definitions.

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| 1. <u>connect</u> (v) | a. let something happen |
| 2. <u>rules</u> (n) | b. something you can see often |
| 3. <u>invented</u> (v) | c. programs used to view websites |
| 4. <u>creating</u> (v) | d. instructions that tell you how to do something |
| 5. <u>browsers</u> (n) | e. made something for the first time |
| 6. <u>allowed</u> (v) | f. relating to watching videos or listening to music on the internet |
| 7. <u>common</u> (adj.) | g. join things together |
| 8. <u>streaming</u> (adj.) | h. making something new |

3 Listening for details



You will hear someone talking about the history of the internet. Complete the gaps in the short text with one word from the audio.

apps
share

connect
streaming

online
Tim

platforms
used

quickly
websites

A short history of the internet: Vint Cerf and Robert Kahn made rules that allow computers to _____¹ information. The rules they invented are still _____² today. _____³ Berners-Lee created the World Wide Web in 1989. This meant people could start visiting _____⁴. Amazon and other sites like eBay allow us to buy products _____⁵, and in the 90s the internet grew _____⁶. Then, in the 2000s, _____⁷ like Facebook were set up and we could share photos and _____⁸ with friends. Nowadays, people use _____⁹ on their phones for lots of things, and it is typical to us _____¹⁰ services to watch movies.





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Internet verbs

Use the verbs in the list to complete the following questions. Then in pairs, ask and answer the questions.

browse
post

click
scroll

comment
share

download
stream

install
tag

1. What do you use to _____ through a website?
2. Do you often _____ different websites for information?
3. Is it dangerous to _____ files from the internet?
4. Where do you _____ to close a box?
5. Do you usually _____ movies or music online?
6. When do you normally _____ images on social media?
7. How do you _____ on a video?
8. Do you always _____ your friends in photos?
9. How can I _____ an interesting article with my friend?
10. Is it difficult to _____ a new app on your smartphone?

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Reading symbols

Match the symbol with the correct pronunciation.

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|-------|------------------|
| 1. @ | a. brackets |
| 2. . | b. underscore |
| 3. / | c. at |
| 4. * | d. dot |
| 5. () | e. forward slash |
| 6. _ | f. asterisk |



6 Internet vocabulary

You are going to read a text about social media platforms. Look at the words below and match them with the correct definitions.

addictive
content

career
control

celebrities
keep in touch

challenges
trends

- _____ making you want to do something again and again
- _____ popular things or ideas
- _____ the information shared on social media
- _____ stay in contact
- _____ problems or difficulties
- _____ manage something
- _____ famous people
- _____ the type of work you do for a long time

7 Reading comprehension

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, or C) best fits each gap.

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|----------------|------------|------------|
| 1) A. feel | B. connect | C. search |
| 2) A. online | B. browser | C. content |
| 3) A. videos | B. updates | C. photos |
| 4) A. moves | B. ways | C. trends |
| 5) A. question | B. subject | C. style |
| 6) A. share | B. spend | C. use |



How social media changes our lives

Connecting, sharing, and new challenges

- A. Social media platforms have changed how we _____¹ with each other. They make it easier to share moments, but they also bring new challenges. Facebook helps us keep in touch with friends and family, wherever they are. We can share updates, photos and news quickly. However, some people think it is strange to always be _____² and receive a lot of information all the time.
- B. Instagram lets us share photos and short videos, showing what we're doing and following trends. It's fun to see what celebrities are doing, but it can also make people feel like they need to have a perfect life or look beautiful. Twitter is great for sharing quick _____³ and news. It lets us know what's happening around the world as new things happen. But it can also be dangerous because no one checks if the information is true.
- C. LinkedIn is a useful way for professional people to meet each other. It can help them connect with others who have the same jobs or to find new work. Although it can be useful for building a career, it can also make looking for a job feel stressful. TikTok is all about making and watching short, fun videos. Many people enjoy joining in with _____⁴. However, it can be addictive, and some young people spend hours and hours watching it.
- D. YouTube offers lots of videos on almost any _____⁵, from cooking to games. It's an amazing site for learning and entertainment, but it can be hard to control how much time we spend watching content. However, people are always worried about new technology. In the past, people thought there should be rules about how much television people watched. Social media platforms have made it easier to connect and _____⁶ our lives, even if they come with challenges.

Sources: American Psychological Association, MIT News



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Talking point

Discuss the following questions.

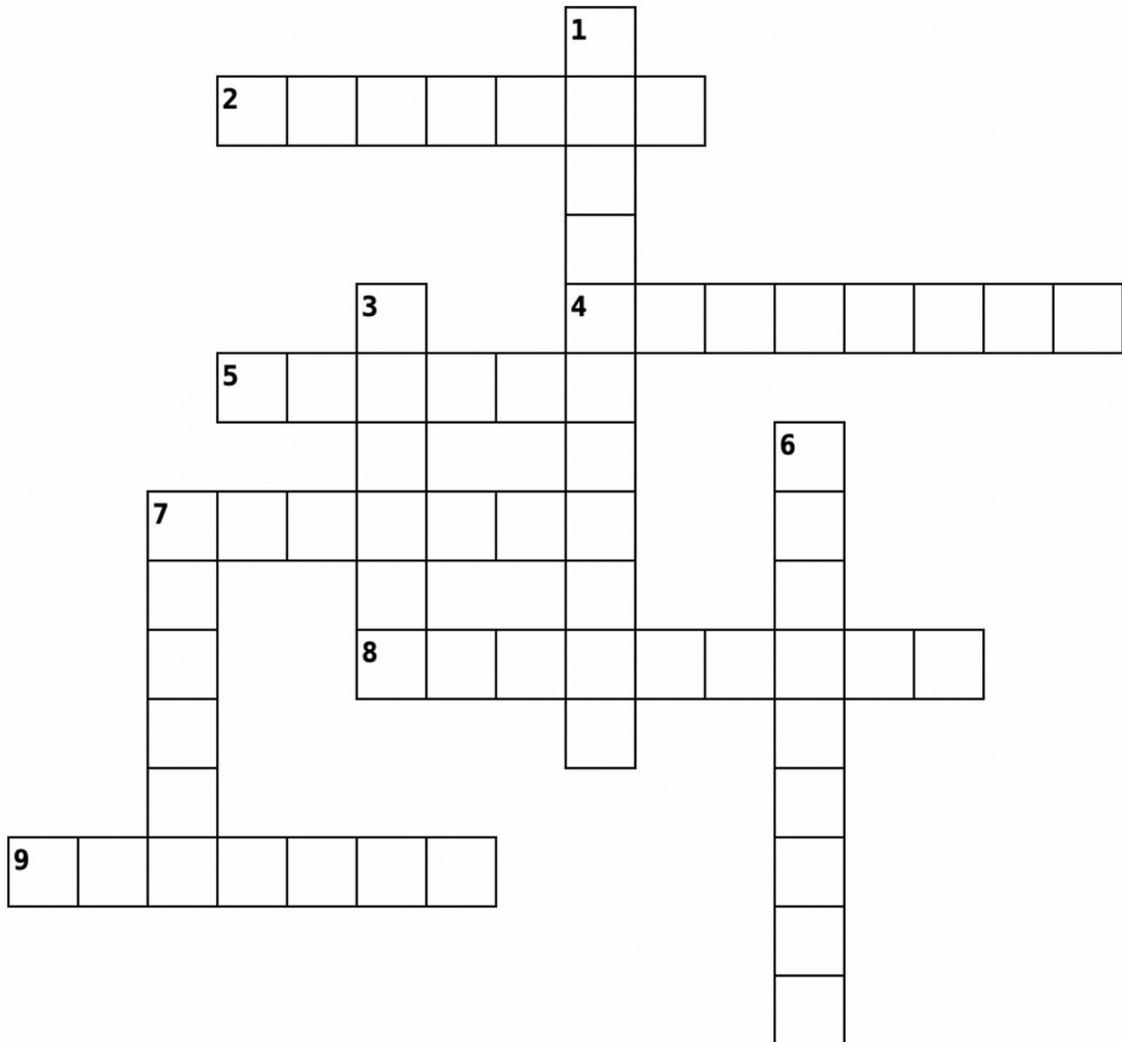
1. How much time do you spend on social media?
2. Why are apps like TikTok addictive?
3. Is it difficult to be safe online?



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Crossword

Read the clues and fill in the crossword below.

**Across**

- 2. new information (7)
- 4. programs used to view websites (8)
- 5. the type of work you do for a long time (6)
- 7. join things together (7)
- 8. watching videos or listening to music on the internet (9)
- 9. the information shared on social media (7)

Down

- 1. famous people (11)
- 3. popular things or ideas (6)
- 6. making you want to do something again and again (9)
- 7. something you can see often (6)



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Optional extension

Write a post on one of the following topics.

1. How I use social media
2. My favourite website
3. Why the internet can be dangerous

You should:

- write at least 150 words,
- check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation