

## Pros and Cons of Social Media



1. These sites are the most effective way to keep in touch with your friends, classmates, and relatives. Online, geographical locations are no barrier to stay in touch. These sites allow you to send and receive messages, and upload photos or videos. As such, they are very interactive, as you get to see what your friends and relatives are up to.

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2. Because social networking sites are not bound by geography or culture, you have the opportunity to meet and get to know a variety of people. These sites are a window to different cultures and places. You can build a network of contacts and interact with a lot of people at the same time. You can spread your thoughts and interests all across the world.

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3. Of course, with the use of social media comes the risk of identity theft and fraud. Your personal information can be used by shady people for illegal activities. Information like your e-mail address, name, location, and age can be used to commit online crimes.

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4. Anyone can use social media as a tool to promote their business, products, or websites. Advertisers love social media because of the large number of people who use it - and it's free.

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5. Many people pretend to be someone else and create online profiles with false information. They use these false profiles to dupe unsuspecting

users. If you are scammed, but you don't personally know the scammer, it will be hard for you to find their real identity.

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6. Online harassment and stalking is a huge cause for concern. Social networking sites are poorly regulated, so it can be easy for someone who might try to hurt you. They can spread lies among your friends, steal and use your photos, or send you unfriendly messages.

**Write a one-sentence summary of this paragraph:**

**Find a word that means...**

1. obstacle (*paragraph 1*)
2. suspicious, can't be trusted (*paragraph 3*)
3. to trick or deceive, lie (*paragraph 5*)
4. to annoy or make trouble for someone (*paragraph 6*)
5. to follow or watch someone without their knowledge (*paragraph 6*)