UNIT 1,COMMUNICATION

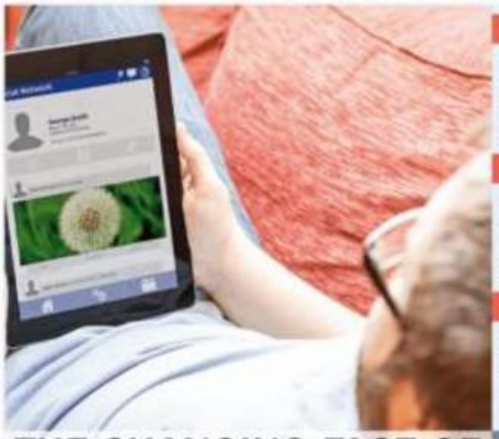
1 How do you keep in touch with people? Order the communication phrases from 1 (I do this less often) to 6 (I do this most often). Compare your answers in pairs.

- ☐ get a text message
- ☐ share a photo
- ☐ give someone a call
- ☐ reply to an e-mail
- ☐ check your phone
- ☐ comment on a post

3 **A** Are sentences 1–6 true (T) or false (F)? Discuss your answers in pairs.

1 We speak to each other face-to-face more often nowadays. ____
2 Our phone calls are longer today compared to ten years ago. ____
3 These days, it seems we prefer text messages to phone calls. ____
4 People in the U.S. send more letters and packages nowadays. ____
5 We are sending a million e-mails per second, now. ____
6 More than half of the Internet pages we visit are social media sites. ____

B Read the text and check your answers in 3A. Correct the false sentences.



THE CHANGING FACE OF COMMUNICATION

We talk to each other less.

Ten years ago, 80% of our communication was face-to-face. Now, it's only 60%. Even our phone calls are shorter – on average, each call now lasts one minute, compared to three minutes ten years ago. It seems that people prefer texting to calling.

We use traditional postal services less.

In the U.S., over 200 billion letters and packages were sent in 2008, compared to 150 billion last year. These days, we usually write to people by text, messaging app, or e-mail. In fact, right now, people are sending two million e-mails per second!

We love social media.

Sixty percent of the pages we view on the Internet are social media pages, and we share nearly two billion photos on them every day. The average person has five social media accounts and spends about two hours a day looking at them.

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It's a shame we don't write letters much, but the post office seems so slow nowadays compared to communicating online! I need the Internet to be in immediate contact with people.

B Choose the correct options to complete the rules.

1 We use the *simple present / present continuous* to talk about things that happen regularly or things that are always true.
2 We use the *simple present / present continuous* to talk about actions that are happening now or actions that are temporary.
3 We can't use the present continuous for *action / state* verbs.

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8 **A** Complete the sentences with the correct tense of the verbs in parentheses.

1 I _____ (not check) my text messages when I'm having coffee with friends.
2 The price of desktop computers _____ (go) down at the moment.
3 I _____ (like) looking at the selfie photos that my friends post on social media.
4 I'm studying English online, right now, so I _____ (need) the Internet on my phone.
5 I _____ (look) for a new phone because my phone is very old.
6 Most people _____ (have) friends on Facebook that they never talk to face-to-face.

B In pairs, discuss the sentences in 8A. Which sentences do you agree with or are true for you?

9 Complete the questionnaire and discuss your answers in pairs.

How do you communicate?

1 When I want to get together with friends, I normally …
message them on Facebook. ☐ text them. ☐
call them. ☐

2 When I'm feeling happy and I want to share good news with people that live far away, I …
send a text message. ☐ send a letter. ☐
make plans to get together. ☐

3 When I'm feeling sad, I prefer to speak to people …
on the phone. ☐ on Skype. ☐ face-to-face. ☐

4 On my best friend's birthday, I usually send …
a message on social media. ☐ a text. ☐ a card. ☐

5 I usually share important photos …
using a messaging app. ☐ by e-mail. ☐
on social media. ☐

6 When I want to keep in touch with old friends, I usually …
contact them on social media. ☐ e-mail them. ☐
give them a call. ☐

1 What do you use your smartphone for? What do you think of people who constantly check their phones?

4 Read the complete text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

1 The writer stopped using his smartphone because of an article he read. _____
2 Normally his smartphone distracts him when he's working. _____
3 He has become a better listener when he's with friends. _____
4 He doesn't enjoy reading books and newspapers any more. _____
5 The light from smartphone screens helps us sleep. _____
6 The writer now uses his smartphone differently than before. _____

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6 Read the Text builder. Match 1–4 with a–d.

1 My friends say I'm addicted to my new smartphone.
2 My teacher's surprised because
3 Tim thought the movie was on at 8:30 this evening,
4 I thought I was going away this weekend,

a but it was actually on yesterday, not today.
b Actually, I don't use it as much as my old one.
c but, in fact, I'm staying at home.
d I actually passed the exam!

2 **A** In pairs, take the quiz "The truth about lying."

THE TRUTH ABOUT LYING

1 How often do people tell lies?
- **a** twice a month
- **b** twice a week
- **c** twice a day

2 What do people lie about most frequently?
- **a** work
- **b** money
- **c** unimportant things

3 How do people usually answer the question, "When did you last tell a lie?"
- **a** "I never lie."
- **b** "I can't remember."
- **c** "Some time today."

4 How can you know when people are lying?
- **a** They don't look directly at you.
- **b** They move their hands a lot.
- **c** They give unnecessary information.

5 Is communication technology making us less honest?
- **a** yes **b** no

6 Do men lie more often than women?
- **a** yes **b** no

7 Do men and women lie about the same things?
- **a** yes **b** no

B ▶1.5 Listen and check your answers. Which answer surprised you most?

5 **A** ▶1.6 Listen to people telling a lie in three conversations. What is each person lying about? Write the conversation number (1–3).

a receiving text messages _____ b eating chocolate _____ c liking someone's food _____

B ▶1.6 Listen again and complete the questions.

1 Who _____ all of my chocolate?
2 What _____ to you last night?
3 Who _____ more banana and potato sandwiches?

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8 **A** Complete the questions with an auxiliary verb from the box if necessary. Which question doesn't need an auxiliary?

do (x2) did (x5) have

1 _____ you usually tell little white lies to protect people's feelings?
2 When _____ you last tell a little white lie? What _____ you lie about?
3 When you were younger, _____ you tell your parents lies? _____ you tell the truth later?
4 Who _____ tells the best jokes in your family?
5 _____ you usually say hello to people you don't know on the street?
6 _____ you ever told someone that he or she can't cook well? What _____ the person say?

9 Ask and answer the questions in pairs.

1 Who helped you with your homework as a child?
2 Who taught you how to ride a bike?
3 What happened on your first day of school?
4 Who taught you how to drive?
5 Which author wrote your favorite book?
6 What happened on your first day at work?

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