



selfie (n):
a picture taken
of a person by
that person

A teenager in the UK, Danny Bowman, became addicted ¹_____ 'selfies' and spent up to ten hours a day taking around 200 photos of himself with his phone. This was a true case of addiction: it was harmful ²_____ his education and his friendships and responsible ³_____ several health problems. Experts are aware ⁴_____ the condition and say it is becoming more and more common. Danny first posted selfies on Facebook when he was fifteen and soon became obsessed ⁵_____ reading his friends' comments. Although he was pleased ⁶_____ many of the things his friends wrote, he was also very sensitive ⁷_____ criticism. Before long, he was feeling very dissatisfied ⁸_____ his appearance. He took more and more photos of himself. His parents became very worried ⁹_____ his behaviour. Because they were both mental health nurses, they were familiar ¹⁰_____ addictions. They knew that Danny needed help. Now, after months of hospital treatment, Danny has been successful ¹¹_____ beating his addiction. But it's a growing problem, with many other cases similar ¹²_____ Danny's.