

1 Copy the website content pages for these situations. There are words you do not need.

- 1 To find out about your future.
- 2 You want to buy a new MP3 player.
- 3 You want to know about the latest cinema releases.
- 4 You're feeling down and you want a laugh.
- 5 You need help with a problem.
- 6 You want a new computer program.
- 7 You are interested in the latest music releases.
- 8 You're looking for a girlfriend or a boyfriend.

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| jokes | music reviews | email | software and downloads | horoscope | film reviews |
| quizzes | advice | relationships | fashion | electronic gadgets | |

2 Complete the sentences with Internet words. There are words you do not need.

- 1 If you are using the Internet, you are _____.
- 2 To _____ is to send something from a website to your computer.
- 3 To _____ is to send something from your computer to a website.
- 4 A _____ is a place where people can communicate in real time with each other on the Internet.
- 5 A _____ is a place on a website where you can read or write messages.
- 6 A _____ is a program that helps you find the websites you are looking for.
- 7 To _____ something is to get the latest software that is available for a program on your computer.

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| chat room | share | upload | update | message board | blog |
| download | chat | online | online game | search engine | |

3. Write the word next to the definition

conversation, or rumor, esp. about the private affairs of others.

a famous or well-known person:

a prevailing custom or style of dress, etiquette, socializing, etc.

a short, humorous story with a word or phrase that ends it and causes laughter.

an emotional or other connection between people:

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| A joke | B gossip | C relationship | D fashion | E celebrity |
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6. Signal words in sentences – Which sentence/question is correct?

- 1)
 - a) Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928.
 - b) Alexander Fleming just discovered penicillin.
- 2)
 - a) Did he ride his bike two hours ago?
 - b) Did he ride his bike recently?
- 3)
 - a) We have cleaned the car last Thursday.
 - b) We have just cleaned the car.
- 4)
 - a) Have you ever seen a rattlesnake?
 - b) Have you seen a rattlesnake yesterday?
- 5)
 - a) They just went to town.
 - b) They went to town yesterday.
- 6)
 - a) Anke ever moved to England.
 - b) Anke moved to England in August 2006.

Writing. Write an informal email to a friend inviting him to a party next week. Use about 80 words.

7 Read the text and choose the correct alternatives (A, B, C or D).

- 1 The first social networking site was created in:
A 2002
B the late 1990s.
C 1997.
D 1995.
- 2 Twitter has over _____ users worldwide.
A 30 million
B 50 million
C 140 million
D 830 million
- 3 Facebook is not the number one network in:
A the UK.
B the USA and South America.
C Russia and China.
D Europe.
- 4 Bebo is more popular than Facebook with _____ people.
A young
B rich
C married
D older
- 5 What site will be the number one social network in the next few years?
A Something completely different.
B It isn't clear.
C Pinterest
D Facebook

Evolution of social networks

The first social networks appeared in the USA in the late 1990s with sites like *Classmates* (1995) which helped people find old school friends and *sixdegrees in 1997*, but it wasn't until the arrival of *Friendster* in 2002 that social networking really took off. A year later the more serious LinkedIn started and immediately became popular with business people and professionals, and this is still true today.

However, it wasn't until the creation of MySpace in 2003, followed by Facebook in 2004, that social networks went global. With over 830 million users worldwide, Facebook has become the leader everywhere except in Russia and China, followed by Twitter with 140 million users. In the UK alone, Facebook has 30 million users – an incredible fifty per cent of the population. It seems that Facebook is replacing other social network sites like MySpace and Friendster

The overall statistics don't show the whole picture because different networks appeal to different types of people. Although Facebook is number one in the UK, many teenagers still use Bebo. Research has shown that the average Facebook user is older and richer and more likely to be married than users of Bebo and MySpace. Twitter users are also older and more interested in politics and news.

Around twenty per cent of the world population now use social networks, with Facebook dominating, but this may not last. In the US, the fastest growing site is *Pinterest*, where people can share photos of their interests. The social media scene is constantly changing as people look for new things, so nobody knows which networks will dominate tomorrow.