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Grammar present simple, continuous and perfect

1 Complete the article about social networking with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: present simple, present continuous or present perfect.



Over the last ten years, social networking [1]_____ (grow) from just another internet trend to a global obsession. Over four billion people regularly [2]_____ (access) social networking sites on mobile devices. Check out these amazing facts that show how social networking [3]_____ (still/change) the way we communicate day by day.

- 23% of Facebook users [4]_____ (check) their accounts five times or more every day.
- The number of Twitter users aged 55–64 [5]_____ (increase) more than any other age group at present.
- Instagram users [6]_____ (already/upload) more than sixteen billion photos.
- Google+ [7]_____ (currently/grow) at a rate of 33% per year.
- YouTube [8]_____ (have) over one billion unique visitors per month.
- In the last minute, more than 2,000 people [9]_____ (just/check) in on Foursquare to let their friends know where they are.

2 Select the incorrect word or phrase in each sentence.

1 I've *already / yet / just* met him. He seems like a nice person.
2 I'm not looking at any of my emails *this week / at the moment / all the time*. I'm on holiday.
3 We *already / always / usually* have a good time when we get together.
4 I haven't seen him online *for a long time / lately / at the moment*.
5 I chat on Skype with my friends who are abroad *every week / now / all the time*.
6 Because of my new job, I'm meeting a lot of new people *every time / these days / nowadays*.

3 Read about a social networking site and choose the correct options to complete the text.

Work for LinkedIn

[1] *Have you heard / Did you hear* of LinkedIn? It is a social networking site for professionals. It was launched in 2003 and is now used mainly for professional networking.

The number of LinkedIn users [2] *is increasing / increases* very fast: two new members join the website every second. It now [3] *is having / has* over 280 million users, and 40% of them [4] *have checked / check* their profile every day.

Professionals nowadays [5] *use / have used* the site to find jobs and business opportunities, and companies search for potential candidates. Users can follow different companies and also see who [6] *already visited / has already visited* their profile page.

Other features [7] *include / are including* groups and online conversations. It is estimated that over 200 conversations [8] *are taking place / have taken place* right now.