

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.