

EXERCISE 6

Read the next paragraph. Then match the information statements (A–D) with the numbered parts of the paragraph (1–3). There is one information statement that you do not need.

Paragraph B

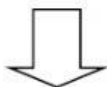
Nowadays, getting in touch is a lot easier. Almost every aspect of human communication has changed: we have email, text, Skype, Facebook and Instagram, and we are certainly busy using them to build and maintain our relationships. According to recent reports, the top social networks now each have more than a billion monthly active users. And keeping in touch isn't just something we do in class or at work any more: we continue to communicate with friends, strangers, family and colleagues **(1) while we're on the train, in the living room and at the dinner table, for instance.** One recent British study indicated that **(2) 79% of teens even put their phone under their pillow so they can keep up-to-date with whatever is happening on social media day and night, and not miss out on updates.** As for adults, a recent survey showed that **(3) they now spend 20 to 28 hours a week on social media and have on average 275 personal connections. However, in contrast, only 11% of these same people actually meet their social connections** in an actual physical environment on a regular basis.

A a comparison between the time spent online with friends and time spent in real places

B some examples of typical locations in which digital technology may be found

C the reason why some young people feel the need to keep a digital device with them at all times

D the suggestion that adults could learn about digital communication from their children



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