

Unit 7 - Review

Reading

1 Read the 'for and against' text about social media and complete the text with the words in the box.

- to share information
- smart phones
- causes problems
- online activity
- at any time
- devices

The pros and cons of social media

Social media has many forms, such as websites, blogs, forums, networks and wikis. The purpose of social media is for people around the world _____¹ and ideas easily and instantly. There are many _____² we can use to do this, like tablets and _____³ and these days most people have at least one of these.

Social media is very popular for a number of reasons. For example, the Internet is cheap, emails and messages are instant and you can send messages from wherever you are _____⁴ using a smart phone.

However, some people dislike social media. They believe that social media _____⁵, like 'information overload'. This means that there is too much information to read and understand. They think that people are too focused on their _____⁶ and they do not interact in the real world.

Although this may be true, social media has become an important part of society because it is a way of connecting with people all over the world. So in conclusion, while there are definitely negative points about this constant connection, most people would agree social media is very useful and it is not going to disappear.

2 Read the text again and decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false statements.

- 1 Blogs, forums, and wikis are the only types of social media mentioned in the text. _____
- 2 According to the writer of the essay, the only reason that social media is popular is because you can send and receive messages immediately. _____
- 3 Information overload is a problem for people who dislike social media. _____
- 4 According to the writer of the essay, some people spend too much time on social media. _____
- 5 Overall, the writer of the essay is against social media. _____