Socializing online



Matt: So, are you saying that people who socialize online are all freaks and weirdos?

Sue: No, you know (1) that's not what I meant! (2) You're twisting my words. (3) All I said was that it can be a problem, you know, you don't know who you're talking to ... and they could be ... yes, I guess, they could be weirdos or something ... I mean, you never know ...

Matt: (4) So, what are you saying then? That we should all stop using chat rooms and networking sites and whatever?

Sue: No, (5) that's not what I'm saying ... and you know it ... (6) my point is that we need to be careful, that's all ... you know, don't give away too many personal details ... don't make yourself vulnerable ...

Matt: But surely it's much safer to talk to somebody at a distance than to talk to a stranger in a nightclub or a bar ...

Sue: (7) You're missing the point ... I'm not saying that it's dangerous to chat with people online ... (8) I'm just saying that you have to be really careful when it comes to arranging to meet them in real life ... you just don't know who they are, or what they want ...

Read the extract from the conversation. What exactly is Sue's point?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

We use these expressions to...

1. Speculate about other person's comment
2. Clarify a previous comment and avoid misunderstanding

1 a You're twisting my _____ .

b You're deliberately misconstruing my _____ .

2 a My _____ is ...

b You're missing the _____ .

3 a I'm just _____ , ...

b What I'm _____ is ...

4 a That's not _____ I'm saying.

b So _____ are you implying?

5 a _____ is not what I meant.

b I didn't say _____ !

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Complete the conversation.

Alex: I just don't get why you always say tennis isn't a real sport. It takes just as much skill and stamina as soccer!

Jordan: **I** _____ **that!** What I meant was, soccer is more intense because it's constant action for 90 minutes straight.

Alex: **That's not** _____**!** Tennis requires strategy and precision too. The matches can go on for hours with no breaks.

Jordan: Yeah, but soccer players have to run for miles. You're _____ **point** if you think tennis is as physically demanding.

Alex: Wait, so **what** _____ **you** _____? That tennis players aren't in shape or as athletic?

Jordan: **You're** _____ **words!** I'm just saying the nature of the game is different, that's all.

Alex: _____ **I meant!** Of course they're different, but both sports require top-tier athleticism. It's unfair to compare them directly.

Jordan: **You're** _____**-!** I never said tennis players weren't athletes. I just think soccer is tougher in terms of endurance.

Alex: Well, I guess we'll just have to agree to disagree on this one.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Complete the conversation

1. Dieting & Health

Lena: You're saying that vegan diets aren't healthy?

Mike: **That's not what I'm saying!** I just _____

_____

Lena: **So, what are you implying**? That vegan diets lack nutrition?

Mike: **You're missing the point**! _____

_____

2. Technology in Education

Emily: Are you suggesting Langiage learning Apps aren't effective?

David: _____ **!** Online learning can be effective, but it depends on how it's implemented.

Emily: _____ It sounds like you think traditional classrooms are better.

David: No, _____. I just believe both methods have their pros and cons.

3. Climate Change

John: Wait, are you saying climate change isn't real?

Sam: **That's not what I meant!** I believe in climate change, but _____

John: **So, what are you implying**? That scientists are wrong about it?

Sam: _____. I'm saying we should focus on what's achievable right now, I

4. Social Media and Privacy

Rachel: Are you saying people shouldn't care about their online privacy?

Tina: _____**!** Privacy is important, but people need to be more aware of what they share online.

Rachel: _____**!** You're basically saying privacy doesn't matter.

Tina: **I didn't say that!** I'm just pointing out that people need to be more cautious, that's all.

LIVEWORKSHEETS