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**Read the text below, then choose the correct phrase in each of the four statements underneath.**

### Get Connected!

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Have you signed up to a social networking site yet? Over 100 million people have already signed up to the most popular international site. Social networking is becoming one of the most talked about sensations on the Internet. And it's big business. One of the biggest and best known sites has just been sold for over a billion US dollars.

- 5 Typically, these social networking sites allow you to post personal profiles, lists of your online friends, interactive blogs, photos, music and videos for other users to see. You can post your profile on networks that are available globally which means you can connect with other users in many different countries. Or you can choose a network where you may already know most of the people as they connect old school friends and workmates.
- 10 However, despite their popularity, there have been complaints about the problems of cyberbullying and safety. Many sites have already made attempts to protect younger users, but some sites have still not put security systems in place. Other critics are worried about the negative social effects such impersonal, 'virtual' friendships will have on individuals in the future.

**1** Social networking is:

- a** very popular
- b** very expensive

**3** Social networking is:

- a** available internationally
- b** only available locally

**2** Social networking sites:

- a** are private
- b** are interactive

**4** People have complained that:

- a** the sites are not safe for cyberbullies
- b** 'virtual' friendships may cause social problems later

### 2) Match the questions on the left to the answers on the right.

**a.** What are the most popular social networking sites?

**b.** What do you think are the advantages of social networking?

**c.** What do you think are the disadvantages of social networking?

-Staying connected with friends. .

-Keeping up-to-date on news more quickly.

-Making friends with similar interests and "likes" ...

Addiction, Mental Illness, Frauds & Scams,  
Misleading Information, Cyberbullying, Hacking,  
Privacy Issues

Facebook, YouTube, WhatsApp, Messenger,  
WeChat, Twitter, Viber, Snapchat, Telegram,  
Reddit, Tik Tok