Real + Virtual = Real

Most people belong to real-life communities, such as (1) _____
_____ . Many people also belong to virtual
communities, which are (2) _____ .
Recently, technological advances have made it easier for people to mix
their real lives with their virtual lives.

"Augmented reality" mixes the real world with the virtual world.
Augment means, "to add something to something else to try to improve
it".

So, to augment reality means (3) _____
_____ . In this case, the virtual world adds something to
reality. This can be done by using a computer to add something, such
as a virtual image or words, to something real that you are looking
at. Imagine a camera that can capture an image of a tree and then tell
you what kind of tree it is. This technology exists. It is called "image
recognition."

(4)_____ can work
with almost anything, including people. Imagine taking a picture
of someone you have just met at a party. Using a wireless internet
connection, your camera can send that image to the Internet. There,
the image of that person's face can be compared to millions of other
images of faces. Some of those images will probably match the
image of the person you just met. And some of those images will also
probably have the person's name attached to them. (Think of all the
pictures of yourself on social media sites.) Almost instantly, you will
know that person's name and probably even more information about
them.

Now imagine wearing a special pair of glasses that have a miniature
computer attached to them. These are called "wearable computers."
The glasses have a tiny display, or screen, close to your eye that allows
you to see what you would see on a regular computer monitor. These
glasses can also function like a camera. So if you look at a tree while
wearing these glasses, the name (5) _____
_____ will appear on the tiny screen. And if you look at
a person, the name of that person – and probably other information
about her – will also very likely appear on the screen.
Such sneaky behavior may never become socially acceptable, but
the technology exists for it. This is how augmented reality makes it
possible for real-life communities to mix with virtual communities.