

## Grammar present simple, continuous and perfect

- 1 Complete the article about social networking with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: present simple, present continuous or present perfect.



Over the last ten years, social networking <sup>1</sup> *has grown* (grow) from just another internet trend to a global obsession. Over four billion people regularly <sup>2</sup> (access) social networking sites on mobile devices. Check out these amazing facts that show how social networking <sup>3</sup> (still/change) the way we communicate day by day.

- 23% of Facebook users <sup>4</sup> (check) their accounts five times or more every day.
- The number of Twitter users aged 55–64 <sup>5</sup> (increase) more than any other age group at present.
- Instagram users <sup>6</sup> (already/upload) more than sixteen billion photos.
- Google+ <sup>7</sup> (currently/grow) at a rate of 33% per year.
- YouTube <sup>8</sup> (have) over one billion unique visitors per month.
- In the last minute, more than 2,000 people <sup>9</sup> (just/check) in on Foursquare to let their friends know where they are.

- 2 Read about a social networking site and choose the correct options to complete the text.

### Work for LinkedIn

<sup>1</sup> *Have you heard / Did you hear* of LinkedIn? It is a social networking site for professionals. It was launched in 2003 and is now used mainly for professional networking.

The number of LinkedIn users <sup>2</sup> *is increasing / increases* very fast: two new members join the website every second. It now <sup>3</sup> *is having / has* over 280 million users, and 40% of them <sup>4</sup> *have checked / check* their profile every day.

Professionals nowadays <sup>5</sup> *use / have used* the site to find jobs and business opportunities, and companies search for potential candidates. Users can follow different companies and also see who <sup>6</sup> *already visited / has already visited* their profile page.

Other features <sup>7</sup> *include / are including* groups and online conversations. It is estimated that over 200 conversations <sup>8</sup> *are taking place / have taken place* right now.

## Grammar state verbs

- 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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- I *believe* we buy far more than we really need.
  - My family has \_\_\_\_\_ this business for over thirty years.
  - This pasta \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic! You must give me the recipe.
  - I don't know him very well, but he \_\_\_\_\_ very friendly.
  - I really don't \_\_\_\_\_ why people need to buy a new mobile phone when their old one works fine.
- 4 Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences.
- I *want* / 'm wanting to buy a new laptop.
  - I know / 'm knowing a lot about economics.
  - I spend / 'm spending a lot of money eating in restaurants at the moment because I haven't got time to cook.
  - I have / 'm having a really hard time with this maths exercise. Can you help me?
  - I never buy / 'm never buying things on impulse. I always make a shopping list and only buy what's on it.
  - I see / 'm seeing a lot of shops on my way to work.