

# Social Hermits

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## VOCABULARY

**1: Vocabulary match:** Match the words on the left with a letter from the right.

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| 1. <b>interact</b>    | a. closeness   |
| 2. <b>loner</b>       | b. group       |
| 3. <b>demographic</b> | c. renew       |
| 4. <b>proximity</b>   | d. communicate |
| 5. <b>newborn</b>     | e. missing     |
| 6. <b>condolences</b> | f. baby        |
| 7. <b>nonexistent</b> | g. request     |
| 8. <b>superficial</b> | h. hermit      |
| 9. <b>update</b>      | i. shallow     |
| 10. <b>beg</b>        | j. sympathy    |

**2: Fill in the Blanks:** Fill in the blank with the correct word.

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|-------------|-------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| superficial | proximity   | loners  | condolences | beg         |
| newborn     | interaction | updated | nonexistent | demographic |

- a. Do social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter encourage social \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- b. Or do these sites encourage people to become \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- c. People who are over twenty-five are the largest growing \_\_\_\_\_ of users.
- d. Social networking sites allow users to keep in contact with " \_\_\_\_\_ friends."
- e. We may send these people birthday cards, or call with congratulations for a wedding or a \_\_\_\_\_
- f. We may express \_\_\_\_\_ for a death in the family.
- g. Face to face contact, however, is largely \_\_\_\_\_ .
- h. The contact may be \_\_\_\_\_ and achieved through emails and instant messages.
- i. As long as the personal pages are regularly \_\_\_\_\_ , it's easy to share photos or hear about kids.
- j. Social networking sites \_\_\_\_\_ the following question then: Are people becoming social hermits?