

UNIT 5 SPEAKING

DO YOU WATCH VIDEOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

We all use social media apps like Facebook or WeChat to communicate with friends. Many people even get their news from Twitter. Some people argue that social media apps help increase our awareness of the world around us. But other people say we use social media to confirm our own views within our small circle of friends.

- A Work in groups. Discuss these questions: What kind of videos do you see on social media? Funny, serious, adventurous, ... ? How do videos on social media make you feel? Do you think that social media increases your awareness of the world?**

Try to use real conditionals and alternatives to *if*. You can use the words in the box to help you. Take notes on your group's ideas.

anxiety level	be against	be anxious	be conscious of
be in control of	be eager to	be passionate about	be prepared
be rational	be reluctant	be unwilling	calm down
have no desire	have no intention of	hesitate to	panic (about sth)

I'm reluctant to spend a lot of time on social media. But I watch videos my friends post providing they're not too long.

I watch a lot of videos on social media! Sometimes, news videos raise my anxiety level. But when I want to calm down, I watch videos of cute animals.

I have no desire to watch videos on social media. It seems like so many of them try to scare you to death in order to sell you something.

- B In your group, summarize your group's ideas. Be sure to use your notes from exercise A. Then present the best summary to the class.**