

o. Read the text below and complete the sentence.

The text is about people's opinions on

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What's your opinion?

People have different opinions on social media. Some people think it provides young people with lots of benefits, but others are worried about the negative effects which social media has on young people's lives.

 **Jack: (25 minutes ago)**

Many people believe that social media is beneficial in many ways. I agree with them. I think social media helps young people communicate with extended family and friends. It also helps them develop their social skills, and they keep healthy interpersonal relationships. Therefore, they become more self-confident.

 **Sandra: (50 minutes ago)**

I believe social media makes young people less social. They waste loads of time online. That affects them negatively and often causes social media addiction. And in my opinion, there's too much harmful material on the Internet. It's a real danger. Young people see violence in videos, photos or games. Therefore, they get more aggressive.

 **Charles: (3 hours ago)**

If you ask me, social media is really advantageous to young people. They learn new things when they exchange ideas. Social media provides an efficient platform for young people to enhance their knowledge. They can access all the information which they need. They also develop their networking skills. And they get a practical understanding of technology.

 **Hillary: (7 hours ago)**

In my view, young people become more creative through social media because they take part in lots of activities and discussions. They upload, change and create content. They share different kinds of content such as music, photographs, videos and writing. They also develop their interests and find many other people who share the same interests.

 **Martin: (9 hours ago)**

It seems to me that too much social media can have bad effects on young people. They can't concentrate on their studies so they can't be successful at school. Another problem is cyberbullying. Some evil people can send them frightening messages, and then they get depressed.

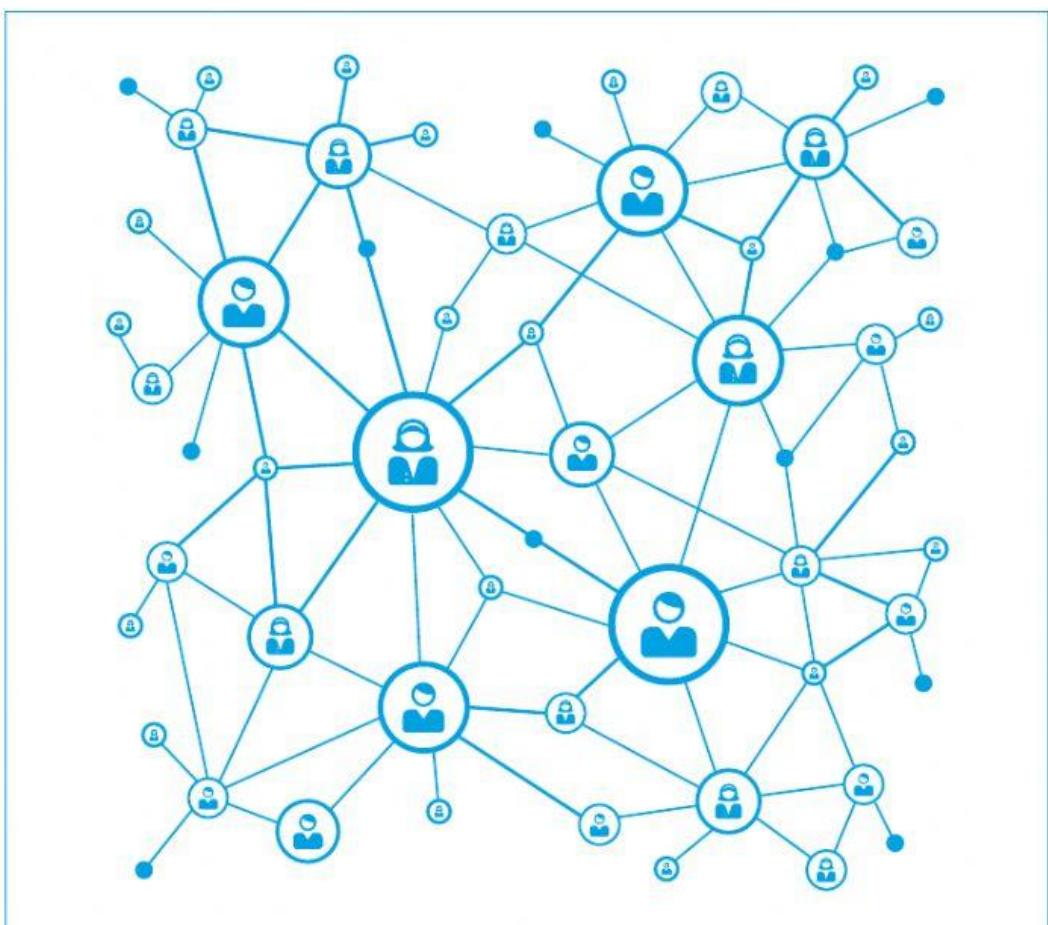
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P. Read the text again and complete the sentences. Write *Jack, Sandra, Charles, Hillary* or *Martin*.

1. thinks social media makes young people more creative.
2. thinks social media makes young people less social.
3. thinks social media makes young people less successful.
4. thinks social media makes young people more self-confident.
5. thinks social media makes young people better at networking skills.

Q. Read the text again and answer the questions.

1. Which person(s) do you agree with? Why?
2. Which person(s) do you disagree with? Why?



R. Look at activity O again. Write a similar paragraph describing your opinions about social media.