

1.1 Are you really my friend?

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

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

- 2 Cross out the incorrect word or phrase in each sentence.

- I've *already* / *yet* / *just* met him. He seems like a nice person.
- I'm not looking at any of my emails *this week* / *at the moment* / *all the time*. I'm on holiday.
- We *already* / *always* / *usually* have a good time when we get together.
- I haven't seen him online *for a long time* / *lately* / *at the moment*.
- I chat on Skype with my friends who are abroad *every week* / *now* / *all the time*.
- Because of my new job, I'm meeting a lot of new people *every time* / *these days* / *nowadays*.

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

Work for LinkedIn

¹ *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 ² *is increasing* / *increases* very fast; two new members join the website every second. It now ³ *is having* / *has* over 280 million users, and 40% of them ⁴ *have checked* / *check* their profile every day.

Professionals nowadays ⁵ *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 ⁶ *already visited* / *has already visited* their profile page.

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

Vocabulary friendship

4a Match questions 1–6 to answers a–f.

- 1 Do you get on well with your neighbours?
 - 2 Do you have a lot in common with your partner?
 - 3 When was the last time you had an argument with your best friend?
 - 4 How often do you meet up with your friends?
 - 5 Do you make new friends easily?
 - 6 How many old classmates do you keep in touch with?
- a Yesterday! But it was about something stupid, and we've already forgotten about it.
 - b Maybe four or five, but just on Facebook.
 - c Not really. I don't even know their names!
 - d Usually once a week, on Fridays.
 - e Yes, I'm very sociable. People think I'm crazy because I talk to everyone on the bus!
 - f Yeah, we like the same music, books and lots of other things.

b 1.1 Listen and check.

5 Put the word in brackets in the correct place in each sentence.

- 1 I fell ^{out} with my partner once because of football. (out)
- 2 My parents helped me when I didn't have enough money. (out)
- 3 I get well with everybody from work. (on)
- 4 I'm terrible at getting touch with distant relatives. (in)
- 5 I met up people from work to celebrate a birthday last week. (with)

6 Complete the opinions on social networking with verbs from the box.

have help keep make trust

- 1 Social networking is great to keep in touch with people who live far away.
- 2 When I have a problem with my English homework, I can always find someone online to _____ me out.
- 3 I never _____ people I meet on social networking sites; it's too dangerous.
- 4 I like joining online groups because you can meet people you _____ a lot in common with.
- 5 Social networking is a great opportunity to _____ friends with people all over the planet.

➔ **STUDY TIP** Record new words and phrases in your vocabulary notebook under topic headings like *Friendship*. Use them to write true sentences about your friendships.



PRONUNCIATION linking

7a 1.2 Listen and repeat.

get on I get on well with her.
met up I met up with my mates
yesterday.

b Choose the correct options to complete the rule.

These words are linked (pronounced as one word) because the first word ends with a ¹ consonant / vowel sound and the second word starts with a ² consonant / vowel sound.

c 1.3 Listen and link the words. The number of links is given in brackets next to the sentences.

- 1 I make an effort to get in touch with distant relatives. (3)
- 2 I have a lot in common with all my classmates. (3)
- 3 Could you help Adam out? (2)
- 4 I keep in touch with old friends. (2)
- 5 I had an argument with an assistant. (4)
- 6 It's a shame you fell out with Alice. (3)

d 1.3 Listen again. Pause the listening and repeat after each sentence.

I can ...

Very well

Quite well

More practice

talk about things that are changing.

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talk about friendships.

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