

Reading and Use of English

Part 1 Multiple-choice cloze

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 A touch B communication C connection D feeling

Does social media make you lonely?

A

Since the phenomenon of social media began, one of its primary functions has been to keep in (0) with friends or relatives. Indeed, the majority of users would probably claim that without social media, they would have (1) up trying to stay connected with everyone they know, some of (2) may live far away.

However, there seems to be a growing number of people who seem to feel lonely in today's society, partly due to a greater (3) to use social media.

One reason may be that people are using social media at the expense of building and (4) close relationships with people. When we use social media, we aren't (5) ourselves to ourselves.

Instead, we give ourselves the (6) of being connected with people, even though it might be quite a shallow experience compared with real-life encounters.

Another reason may be that certain social media sites encourage people to (7) forward an idealised and heavily edited version of their own lives. We might be tempted to compare our own existences to those we see online. It is (8) that we often feel inadequate or that we are somehow missing out.

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| 1 A turned | B taken | C given | D held |
| 2 A whom | B them | C who | D these |
| 3 A trend | B tendency | C habit | D custom |
| 4 A supporting | B conserving | C keeping | D maintaining |
| 5 A having | B making | C holding | D keeping |
| 6 A vision | B illusion | C trick | D imagination |
| 7 A take | B make | C put | D get |
| 8 A then | B such | C this | D so |