

# Unit 09

## Children Using Social Media Sites



### Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

- 1 Do you use social media sites such as Facebook?
- 2 Have you ever made new friends on social media sites?
- 3 What are some problems that can happen if children use these sites?

### Introducing the Topic

In 1997, Six Degrees was created and became the first modern social media site. Today, there are many popular social media sites, such as Twitter and Instagram. But the most popular social media site is still Facebook. About two billion people, almost one-third of the Earth's population, use Facebook. It seems that social media sites are only going to become more popular in the future.



## Learning about the Topic

Should children be allowed to use social media sites?

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Đọc và gạch chân các lập luận hỗ trợ trong đoạn 2 và đoạn 3.

Most young people enjoy going on social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Using these websites can provide many benefits. But some parents think that children should not be allowed on social media sites.

### Children Can Use Social Media Sites

To start, social media sites help children make friends. They can make new friends easily. One expert says making friends on social media sites is good for young people. They can know that they are part of a group. This helps them increase their **self-esteem**. Next, social media sites allow children to share their ideas. For instance, many children like to share their stories and artwork on Tumblr. Their friends leave comments and encourage them to make more pieces. This helps children **enhance** their creativity.



### Children Should Not Use Social Media Sites

First, kids can become **addicted** to social media sites. They want to read all their friends' new posts. Even adults find it hard to stop using social media sites because there are always new and interesting things to see. In fact, children in the U.S. spend between six and nine hours a day on these sites. This is a waste of time. They should study and play outside. Another problem with social media sites is **bullying**. Some mean messages can hurt kids' feelings. Cyber bullying can lead to serious **mental health** problems.



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## Vocabulary Check

Chọn từ thích hợp để hoàn thành các câu sau.

bullying      addicted      enhance      mental      self-esteem

1. It is very easy to get \_\_\_\_\_ to computer games.
2. Stress can cause both \_\_\_\_\_ and physical problems.
3. Friendships can help children build their \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the biggest problems in schools.
5. If you add more examples, you can \_\_\_\_\_ your arguments.

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## Comprehension Questions

Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. How do social media sites improve children's self-esteem?
  - a. Children can feel like they are part of a group.
  - b. Children can read helpful articles on social media sites.
2. How can social media sites make children be more creative?
  - a. They can read stories written by famous writers.
  - b. They can share their works and get comments from others.
3. Why can children become addicted to social media sites?
  - a. Because they will always want to see their friends' new posts
  - b. Because they do not enjoy playing outside with their friends
4. What can cyber bullying on social media sites lead to?
  - a. It can hurt children's feelings and cause mental health problems.
  - b. It can cause children to start bullying other kids online.

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