SOCIAL MEDIA 2

1. **Listen and choose the correct answer:**

1. Elena _____ **a.** thinks the benefits of social media outweigh its drawbacks. **b.** says social media has a negative effect on our health. **c.** wonders what advantages social media has.	**2. What is Joe's job?** a. He checks whether massive companies use people's information responsibly. b. He controls big companies' internet accounts. c. He deals with cyberbullying cases at BBC.
3. What does he think about the benefits and drawbacks of social media? a. Social has many negative impacts on us. b. He sometimes forgets the advantages of social media. c. He merely focuses on the positive sides of social media.	**4. Elena's question....** a. reminds Joe of the time social media was invented. b. makes Joe think about the benefits social media has brought to our lives. c. Reminds Joe of the good things before the invention of social media.
5. What did Joe say about the time before social media became popular? a. Plans couldn't be changed at the last minute. b. Keeping in touch with people by phone was pretty difficult. c. Everything was pretty similar to it is now.	**6. Which word does Joe use to describe the benefits of social media?** a. strike movements b. blood donors c. life savers

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2. **Read and follow the instructions below:**

- Watch the video. Listen carefully and repeat each line.
- Then, click the **blue box** to record your voice. When you finish, copy and paste the recording link into the **white box**.
- Pay close attention to the speakers' intonation and try to imitate it as closely as possible.

We see it all the time. There's loads of stories around about how bad social media is for us and how large parts of our lives are in the hands of a few massive companies.

I'm Cybersecurity Reporter at the BBC, which means that a big part of my job is holding these big companies to account. I spend a lot of time looking at the negative sides of social media and I pretty much take the positives for granted. So getting this question is actually really good for me because it can remind me of all the good things that have come about since social media was invented.

People still mainly communicated by phone call, which means that if you made plans, you had to stick to them. Or you could leave your mate waiting in the rain.

If you're feeling isolated or lonely or if you feel like there's something you need help with, you can find a community through social media who can share their experiences and help you out. All this communication can lead to a greater understanding of each other and also bring some real change.

It's hard to imagine something like the climate strike movement spreading as far or as fast as it has, without social media. It helped amplify the voice of a 15-year-old activist in Sweden, so she's been heard around the world.

Tools have been made that encourage people to make the world around them better, whether that's by giving money, telling your friends and family you're safe or by donating blood. In fact, this alone has led to more than 50 million people becoming blood donors around the world, literally life savers.

So, there really are some great benefits to social media but it's still really new. These apps are emerging technologies and when things affect the way that we live and work and do things as much as social media has, it takes a long time to work out what the knock-on effects could be.

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Read the lines above. First, guess the meaning of the following words and phrases based on the context, then look them up using Google or the Oxford Online Dictionary.

Be in the hands of someone

Your guess: _____

Dictionary meaning: _____

Hold someone to account

Your guess: _____

Dictionary meaning: _____

Take something for granted

Your guess: _____

Dictionary meaning: _____

Ampify

Your guess: _____

Dictionary meaning: _____

Life saver

Your guess: _____

Dictionary meaning: _____

Knock-on effect

Your guess: _____

Dictionary meaning: _____

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3. **Complete the following table by writing 3 advantages and 3 disadvantages of social media, then give an example for each of them.**

Advantages	Disadvantages
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