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Social Media: Good or Bad?

Social media is changing the way we learn and communicate with each other, and there are both advantages and disadvantages to using it. Social media allows us to connect with people from all parts of the world and learn from them. (1) **In addition, / Nevertheless,** we can communicate with those who share our interests. Age, gender, and nationality become less important online. (2) **However, / As a result,** we can make friends that we would not otherwise make. Thanks to social media, we are able to discuss important political, social, and environmental issues with a wide variety of people. (3) **Moreover, / However,** it helps us connect with other professionals in our field.

(4) **On the other hand, / Moreover,** social media has some drawbacks.¹ For example, more online communication means less face-to-face communication. (5) **However, / As a result,** people can start to forget how to communicate in person. (6) **In addition, / Nevertheless,** online communication can make us less sensitive to other people's feelings. We can't see people's facial expressions on social media. (7) **Therefore, / Nevertheless,** it's more difficult to know how someone feels about a comment we've made. We may be less polite when communicating online, or we might post comments that are hurtful without realizing it. Social media has made learning and communication easier in many ways. (8) **However, / Thus,** we need to think carefully about how we use it.

¹ **drawback:** a disadvantage