Part 3

1 **Think of all the people you know online. How well do you know them?**

2 **Read the article and choose the correct answer below.**

Leé el artículo y elegí la respuesta correcta.

The article is about ...

a the effect social media has on friendships. ☐

b the amount of time teenagers spend online. ☐

c the popularity of certain social media apps in Argentina. ☐

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Argentine teenagers' use of the internet and social media

- 95% use phones to access social media apps.
- 70% of teens stay online all day.
- 90% use the internet mainly for social media.
- 85% say their favourite activity is to go out with friends.

A recent study has shown that Argentine teenagers spend a lot more time using social media than they did ten years ago. While Facebook and WhatsApp have been the apps of choice among teens for years, Snapchat has become extremely popular, too.

These apps allow teens to present an ideal image of themselves. They can appear funnier, better-looking, more interesting, and more intelligent. And for those who are shy and often clam up in public, they can seem more outgoing online. Not surprisingly, many teenagers say that they have made a lot more friends through social media than in real life.

Social media receives plenty of criticism and many say that apps such as Facebook have changed the meaning of the word 'friend'. A friend should be a reliable person someone can count on, and who they get along with really well – not someone they maybe bump into once or twice a year, or someone they have never even met.

However, the study has also found that Argentine teenagers know the difference between real friends and people they meet online. It tells us that the most popular activity for Argentine teenagers is to get together with friends. This proves that while social media is changing the way teenagers live their lives, it still comes second to real-life friendships.

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3 **Read the article again. Choose the correct words.**

Leé el artículo otra vez. Elegí las palabras correctas.

1 Teenagers spent **less** / **more** time on social media ten years ago.
2 **A lot of** / **Not many** teenagers use Facebook and WhatsApp.
3 People on social media usually appear **better** / **worse** than they really are.
4 Social media **is** / **isn't** popular with everyone.
5 Argentine teenagers **don't know** / **know** that people they meet online aren't always their real friends.

4 **Read the text again. Which paragraph refers to...**

Leé el texto otra vez. ¿Cuál párrafo se refiere a ...

- Criticism on social media ☐
- Time spent by teenagers on social media ☐
- Real vs. virtual friends ☐
- Benefits of social media (in the view of teenagers) ☐

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