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Trends

1.1 Are you really my friend?

Grammar present simple, continuous and perfect

1 Complete the article about social networking with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: present simple, present continuous or present perfect.



Over the last ten years, social networking

1 has grown (grow) from just another internet trend to a global obsession. Over four billion people regularly 2 (access) social networking sites on mobile devices. Check out these amazing facts that show how social networking

3 (still/change) the way we communicate day by day.

- 23% of Facebook users 4_____(check) their accounts five times or more every day.
- The number of Twitter users aged 55–64
 _____ (increase) more than any other age group at present.
- Instagram users 6_____ (already/upload) more than sixteen billion photos.
- Google+ 7______ (currently/grow) at a rate of 33% per year.
- YouTube 8_____ (have) over one billion unique visitors per month.
- In the last minute, more than 2,000 people

 9______ (just/check) in on

 Foursquare to let their friends know where they are.

- 2 Cross out the incorrect word or phrase in each sentence.
 - 1 I've *already* / *yet* / *just* met him. He seems like a nice person.
 - 2 I'm not looking at any of my emails *this week / at the moment / all the time*. I'm on holiday.
 - 3 We *already / always / usually* have a good time when we get together.
 - 4 I haven't seen him online for a long time / lately / at the moment
 - 5 I chat on Skype with my friends who are abroad *every* week / now / all the time.
 - 6 Because of my new job, I'm meeting a lot of new people every time / these days / nowadays.
- 3 Read about a social networking site and choose the correct options to complete the text.

Work for LinkedIn

¹ <u>Have you heard</u> / Did you hear of LinkedIn? It is a social networking site for professionals. It was launched in 2003 and is now used mainly for professional networking.

The number of LinkedIn users ² is increasing / increases very fast: two new members join the website every second. It now ³ is having / has over 280 million users, and 40% of them ⁴ have checked / check their profile every day.

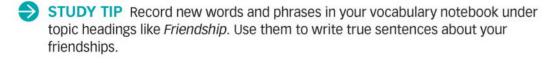
Professionals nowadays ⁵ use / have used the site to find jobs and business opportunities, and companies search for potential candidates. Users can follow different companies and also see who ⁶ already visited / has already visited their profile page.

Other features ⁷ include / are including groups and online conversations. It is estimated that over 200 conversations ⁸ are taking place / have taken place right now.

Vocabulary friendship

- 4a Match questions 1-6 to answers a-f.
 - 1 Do you get on well with your neighbours?
 - 2 Do you have a lot in common with your partner?
 - 3 When was the last time you had an argument with your best friend?
 - 4 How often do you meet up with your friends?
 - 5 Do you make new friends easily?
 - 6 How many old classmates do you keep in touch with?
 - a Yesterday! But it was about something stupid, and we've already forgotten about it.
 - b Maybe four or five, but just on Facebook.
 - c Not really. I don't even know their names!
 - d Usually once a week, on Fridays.
 - e Yes, I'm very sociable. People think I'm crazy because I talk to everyone on the bus!
 - f Yeah, we like the same music, books and lots of other things.
- b 1.1)) Listen and check.
- 5 Put the word in brackets in the correct place in each sentence.
 - 1 I fell/with my partner once because of football. (out)
 - 2 My parents helped me when I didn't have enough money. (out)
 - 3 I get well with everybody from work. (on)
 - 4 I'm terrible at getting touch with distant relatives. (in)
 - 5 I met up people from work to celebrate a birthday last week. (with)
- 6 Complete the opinions on social networking with verbs from the box.

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1	Social networking is great to <u>keep</u> in touch with people who live far away.			
2	When I have a problem with my English homework, I can always find someone online to me out.			
3	I never people I meet on social networking sites; it's too dangerous.			
4	I like joining online groups because you can meet people you a lot in common with.			
5	Social networking is a great opportunity to friends with people all over the planet.			





PRONUNCIATION linking

7a 1.2)) Listen and repeat.

get on I get on well with her.
met up I met up with my mates yesterday.

b Choose the correct options to complete the rule.

These words are linked (pronounced as one word) because the first word ends with a ¹ consonant / vowel sound and the second word starts with a ² consonant / vowel sound.

- c 1.3) Listen and link the words. The number of links is given in brackets next to the sentences.
 - 1 I make an effort to get in touch with distant relatives. (3)
 - 2 I have a lot in common with all my classmates. (3)
 - 3 Could you help Adam out? (2)
 - 4 I keep in touch with old friends. (2)
 - 5 I had an argument with an assistant. (4)
 - 6 It's a shame you fell out with Alice. (3)
- **d** 1.3)) Listen again. Pause the listening and repeat after each sentence.

I can	Very well	Quite well	More practice
talk about things that are changing.		0	0
talk about friendships.	0	0	0