

# 9.3 Vocabulary and skills development

GOALS ■ Use sequencing words to understand ■ Use verbs and prepositions

## Listening using sequencing words to understand

1a Work with a partner. Read the facts about social media and decide if they are true or false.

- 1 The average Facebook user has between 50 and 100 Facebook friends.
- 2 Facebook is older than LinkedIn.
- 3 Twitter started as a simple text service.

b Check your answers at the bottom of the page.

2a Read the introduction to a radio programme about social media. Complete the gaps with the correct form of the words in the box.

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Ilaria di Genaro is a freelance professional photographer. She's <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for newspapers from all around the world and she <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on social media for her job. Last year she started to <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ about spending too much time on it. She realized that her average day <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of checking social media sites up to twelve times an hour.

b 9.5 ))) Listen and check your answers.

- 1 False. The average Facebook user has 130 Facebook friends.
- 2 False. LinkedIn is older than Facebook. It was started on May 5th 2003. Facebook was started on February 4th 2004.
- 3 True. Jack Dorsey started Twitter as a text service so one person could communicate with a group of people.

3a Read the information in the Unlock the code box about sequencing words.

### UNLOCK THE CODE sequencing words

A speaker sometimes uses sequencing words like *firstly*, *secondly*, *next*, *then*, *after that*, *finally* to introduce the next step in a process or story. Listening for these words can help you understand these steps.

b 9.6 ))) Listen to the second part of the interview with Ilaria. Match the sequencing words in the box to sentences a-d.

then firstly finally next

- a \_\_\_\_\_ she looked at how she used social media.
- b \_\_\_\_\_ she thought she had to do something about it.
- c \_\_\_\_\_ she tried a special app to help her.
- d \_\_\_\_\_ she decided to give money to charity every time she looked at Facebook or LinkedIn.



- 4 Imagine you want to give up social media. Which three methods that Ilaria tried do you think are easiest and why? Compare your answers with your partner.
- 5 **9.6** Listen to the second part of the interview again. Answer the questions.
- 1 Why was social media so important to her?
  - 2 When did she realize there was a problem?
  - 3 Why didn't she just stop?
  - 4 What did the app do?
  - 5 What happened when she got a smartphone?
  - 6 Why did giving the money to a charity work?
- 6 Think of something that you have given up, e.g. taking the lift, driving to work, eating chocolate. Explain to a partner how you did it, using sequencing words.

**Vocabulary & Speaking** verbs and prepositions

- 7a Complete the sentences from the programme with a suitable preposition.
- 1 I work \_\_\_\_\_ myself.
  - 2 I depended \_\_\_\_\_ social media.
  - 3 I really believed \_\_\_\_\_ my ability to just stop.
  - 4 Finally, I thought \_\_\_\_\_ a good idea.
- b Read the information in the Vocabulary focus box about verbs and prepositions.

**VOCABULARY FOCUS** verbs and prepositions

- With some verbs we use a preposition (e.g. *on, about, at*) before an object:  
*She depends on social media for her job.*
- A verb that follows a preposition is always in the *-ing* form.  
*She started to worry about spending too much time on it.*
- It is important to record and learn the verb and preposition together.

- 8 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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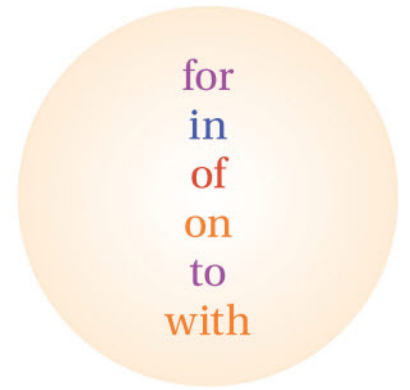
- 1 I don't \_\_\_\_\_ in the health benefits of taking exercise.
- 2 It's not a good idea to \_\_\_\_\_ of the future all the time.
- 3 I've \_\_\_\_\_ for six different companies in my life.
- 4 Your diet should \_\_\_\_\_ of proteins, carbohydrates and plenty of fruit and vegetables.

- 5 Your success in life does not \_\_\_\_\_ on other people, but on just you.
- 6 You must always look after things that \_\_\_\_\_ to other people.
- 7 Sometimes it's difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ of the right word in English.
- 8 If something good \_\_\_\_\_ to me, it's because I deserve it.

- 9a Add the verbs and prepositions from exercise 8 to the table.

Verbs	Prepositions
belong happen	1 _____
believe	2 _____
consist 3 _____ 4 _____	of
depend	5 _____
work	6 _____

- b Discuss the sentences in exercise 8 with your partner. Do you agree? Why/Why not?
- 10a **TASK** Make 4–6 questions using the words in the circles.  
*Do you belong to any clubs?*



- b Work with a partner. Take turns to ask and answer your questions.