

Is social media good for you?

We often hear about the negative side of social media. But what are the benefits? Watch this video to find out.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–j) with the vocabulary (1–10).

Vocabulary

1. to hold someone to account
2. benefits
3. to take something for granted
4. to stick to something
5. cybersecurity
6. a community
7. to have a knock-on effect
8. a tool
9. emerging
10. a blood donor

Definition

- a. good things; advantages
- b. protecting people, organisations, countries, etc. against crime or attacks using the internet
- c. to make someone explain their actions publicly
- d. to not realise or show how good something is
- e. to do one particular thing, without changing to something else
- f. a group of people who have similar interests or who want to do something together
- g. a programme, app, machine, etc. that helps you do a job or other activity
- h. someone who gives some of their blood for other people
- i. just beginning to exist
- j. to cause other situations or events, but not directly

Task 1

Write a number (1–6) to put the events in the order we hear them in the video.

_____ The reporter says social media has saved lives by helping people give blood.

_____ Elena from Bulgaria asks what the good things are about social media.

_____ The reporter says that in his job, he is often looking at the bad sides of social media.

_____ The reporter describes positive things about social media, like connecting with other people.

_____ The reporter says he hopes we will see the positive sides of social media in the future.

_____ The reporter describes how things were different before social media existed.

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

share	tools	connected	help
communicating	online	community	social media

1. People are more now than they were in the past.
2. Every day we spend time with our friends and our lives with people in other countries.
3. If you're feeling alone, or if you need, you can find a through social media.
4. By on social media, you can understand other people.
5. Social media provides which help make the world a better place.
6. There are some great benefits to

Discussion

For you, what are the positives of social media?

Answers

Preparation task

1. c
2. a
3. d
4. e
5. b
6. f
7. j
8. g
9. i
10. h

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Task 2

1. connected
2. online | share
3. help | community
4. communicating
5. tools
6. social media