



## Test Your Reading Skills

### Social Networks – Discussion Questions

Level: Pre-Intermediate and up

1. Which **social networks** do you use? What do you use them for?
2. What is your **favourite** social network? Why? What does it have that other social networks do not have?
3. What is the **definition** of a social network? What makes something a social network? What essential qualities does it have to have?
4. Does **peer pressure** fuel the growth of social networks?
5. Which social networks are the **coolest**? What makes them cool? Which social networks are uncool? What makes them uncool?
6. Do you prefer to access social networks on a laptop, tablet, or mobile phone? Is there any difference in experience?
7. **How many** social networks do you belong to? What was the **first** social network you joined? When did you join it? How has it changed since you joined? What was the **last** social network you joined? Why did you sign up for it? How did you hear about it?
8. Which social network has the most **functions**? Which social network has the most **useful functions**? Have you ever sold anything on a social network? Have you ever bought ads? How satisfied were you with the results?
9. Which social network is the most **fun**? Why? Which social networks are **boring**? Why?
10. If you could keep only **three** social networks and the rest disappeared, which ones would you choose and why? If you could keep only **one**, which would you choose and why?
11. Can you remember a time **before** you used social networks? How did you... a) make new friends online? b) Have fun online? c) Discover the news online? d) Share photos and videos online?
12. How did people **keep in touch** with friends in the past, before social networks came along? Would you like to go back to those days? Why? Why not?
13. Which social network is **best** for... a) sharing photos with friends, b) making new friends, c) listening to music, d) watching films, e) finding new work contacts, f) learning, g) making calls, h) texting, i) selling your belongings. Give reasons for your choices.
14. Are social networks **essential**, or an unnecessary **distraction**? Can you imagine a world **without** social networks? Give reasons for your answers.
15. Are you comfortable sharing **information** about yourself on multiple social networks? What **dangers** do social networks pose? Are you happy to trade your **privacy** in order to get **free access** to a social network? Why? / Why not? Would you pay monthly to get more privacy on a social network? Why? / Why not?
16. Have you ever had a **problem** using a social network? Tell me about it.
17. What do you do when you see something you don't like, or don't agree with, on a social network?
18. Do you think that **children** should be allowed to register for social networks? Why? / Why not?
19. Is the **number** of friends or followers that you have on social networks important to you? Why? / Why not? How many **friends** have you got on Facebook? How many of them are **real friends**? What about on other social networks?
20. Do you **rely on** social networks to get... a) local news, b) national news, c) international news? How reliable do you think the news sources are?

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