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Ideas and Thoughts

Module 3

Argumentative Text

1 Before you read Think, Pair, Share

- In pairs, look at the icons and name the applications.
Facebook – Instagram – snap chat – whatsapp .
- What do they have in common?

2 a. Read the text and give it a title Social media

Social media has become a huge part of everyday life. Some people see this constant use as an **addiction** to social media, but others **defend** it as a normal part of modern life and communication.

The biggest problem is that using social media makes us less social in real life. We can become **obsessed** with checking notifications or messages. This can lead us to ignore the people around us. Often, people **confuse** social media with reality. Having lots of Facebook friends doesn't mean having a connection with those people in real life, and we forget that somebody's 'image' online doesn't always reflect that person's real life. Lots of people only post positive things, so we believe their lives are perfect, and we spend a lot of time trying to live up to those **unrealistic** images.

Nobody can **deny** that these problems exist. However, social media has opened up many new possibilities, especially to young people. It allows us to stay in touch with friends around the world, see their pictures and hear about their adventures. Social media is also a great way to raise enormous amounts of money for charity.

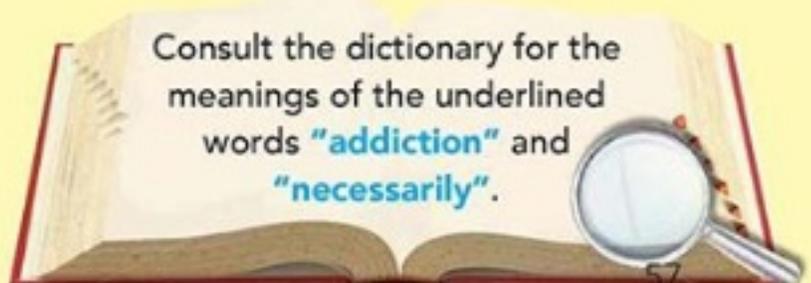
In my opinion, social media is not **necessarily** a bad thing. Although using technology excessively is unhealthy, using it in the right way is a huge benefit of living in modern times.



Remember to:

- A fact can be proved or disproved, but opinions can differ depending on points of view.

Consult the dictionary for the meanings of the underlined words "**addiction**" and "**necessarily**".



b. Answer the following questions:

1. What does the author think the greatest problem with social media is?

Using social media makes us less social in real life .

2. Which paragraph argues for social media and which one is against? How can you tell?

The second paragraph argues against social media .

The third paragraph argues for social media .

3. What does the writer think about social media?

In his opinion, social media is not necessarily a bad thing. Although using technology excessively is unhealthy, using it in the right way is a huge benefit of living in modern times.

4. What conclusions do you draw after reading this text?

Social media has become a huge part of everyday life. And it's a normal part of modern life and communication.

3 Grammar in context Contrastive Connectors: although / however

e.g.: Although using technology excessively is unhealthy, using it in the right way can make life much easier.

a. Complete the following sentences:

- He has lots of experience....., however, he didn't get the job.
-They went outside....., although it was raining.
- Although she knew she was wrong, she didn't apologize.....
- I didn't like the film, however, my brother liked it a lot.....

Speaking

You are starting a small business with a group of friends and you want to advertise your **product**.

- Which social media would you choose?
- Discuss what specific features of that social media would make it useful.

Writing

Boon Bane?



"Social media can be a blessing or a curse."

4 a. Fill in the table with ideas for and against social media.

For	Against
• ..Bring people together.....	• ..Health problems.....
• ..Sharing information, photos and videos...	• ..It can be dangerous if it is misused.....
• ..Sharing interests and hobbies.....	• ..Wasting a lot of time.....
• ..Building friendships.....	• ..Web sites are not completely secure.....

b. In your notebook, develop your notes into an argumentative paragraph explaining whether you are for or against social media.

Checklist:

- ☑ Did I express my opinion in the topic sentence (for or against)?
- ☑ Did I provide reasons and details to support my argument?
- ☑ Did I conclude by summarizing my opinion in a way readers will remember?

Leaving Message

1  Look at the picture and fill in the following table.

Name of the service	..Voice mail.....
When to use it	..To leave a message.....
Its importance	People can leave a message at any time rather than wait.



2  7.1 a. Listen and choose the best answer

The three callers are talking about:

- a. Likes and dislikes
- b. Future plans and arrangements
- c. Mistakes they made in the past

b. Listen again and match the activities with the callers.

- Kevin (3) 1. Going to the beach
- Suzan (2) 2. Staying at home
- Ali (1) 3. Having a guitar lesson



Speaking

3 Peter calls his friend, but his mother answers the phone. She tells him that his friend is not at home, so Peter leaves a message.

a. Complete the phone conversation between Peter and the mother.

Mother: Hello. This is Mrs. Jones. Who's calling please?

Peter:This is peter. may I speak to john., please?.....

Mother: I'm sorry but he's not home, would you like to leave a message?

Peter: Could you please tell him that our friend Alan had an accident and he's now in the hospital.

Mother: Oh my God! I can't believe it. I'll tell him as soon as he gets home.

Peter:Thank you. Good bye.....

Mother: Bye.

 **Role-Playing:** b. Practise the above dialogue with your partner.

4 Grammar in context Present Continuous for Future Arrangements

You can use the present continuous to talk about plans/arrangements for the future.

- Ali **is going** to the beach on Saturday.
- Kevin **is working** on his project on Friday.



Look at the table and write sentences about their future arrangements.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Omar		See the dentist			Meet a friend	Work on the English project	Play football
Fatma	Go to the gymnasium		Visit grandma		Fly to Dubai		

1. Fatma is going to the gym on Sunday.

2. She is visiting her grandma on Tuesday.

3. Omar is seeing the dentist on Monday.

4. He is meeting a friend on Thursday.



5 Ask your partner questions to find out about his/her future plans.



(Practise the dialogue with your partner.)

A: What are you doing tonight?

B: I'm watching T.V tonight.

A: Are you doing anything tomorrow?

B: I'm going to meet my friends.

A: What are your plans for the weekend?

B: I'm going to the farm with my family.

Smart Living

Opinion Text

1 Before you read Think, Pair, Share

- Do you think mobile phones are a good invention? Why?
Yes, It can send messages, surf the net, book ticket online, play games and read books.
- Are there any places where you think mobile phones should be banned? Why?



2 Read and sum up what each of the following persons thinks of mobile phones in one sentence.

A radio station recently asked its listeners for their points of view about smartphones. This is what some of them said.



Omar

"I can't live without my smartphone. I think I'm addicted to it. In fact, I post over ten images a day and send at least thirty text messages. I just like to be in touch with all my friends. I wouldn't give it up for all the money in the world, it's worth a fortune to me."

Mariam

"I have a mobile, but I try not to use it excessively. I worry about its harmful effects on my health. I read that a lot of studies suggest a possible link between frequent headaches and smartphones. I always keep it away from my children."

Jaber

"I think smartphones, tablets and computers have a very bad effect on people. They seem to be stuck to those devices all the time. I miss the old days when grandparents and grandchildren gathered to recount their favourite memories and family history."

Jassim

"I think they're really useful. It's great to be able to call or text an employee for an important meeting. The other day my car broke down on the highway and it was great to be able to phone for help. Another time, I got lost on the way to a friend's house and I just looked up the directions on my Maps application. That was really handy."

Omar	<i>Smart phones become part of our daily life.</i>
Mariam	<i>Smart phones have harmful effects in our health.</i>
Jaber	Smart devices have changed our lives negatively.
Jassim	<i>Smart devices are very handy in many situations.</i>

3 Guess who the following people are:

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| Omar | (b) | a) a mother |
| Maraim | (a) | b) a student |
| Jaber | (d) | c) a manager |
| Jassim | (c) | d) an old man |



Speaking and Writing

- 4**  a. What smartphone application should everybody use? Discuss and fill in the spider-gram with reasons to support your choice. Share your ideas with other groups.



- b. In your notebook, develop your notes into a two-paragraph report expressing your opinion about this application by discussing its features and benefits.

Checklist:

- Did I begin my report by stating the topic and my opinion?
- Did I use facts and details to support my opinion?
- Did I conclude by retelling my opinion in different words?





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1 Complete the sentences.

1. This is an old car; however it is fast and comfortable.
2. Ted can play the piano very well although he doesn't like playing it.
3. She bought that sweater although she hated its colour.
4. They didn't miss the flight although they were too late.
5. Sally was sick; however, She went to work.

2 Fill in the spaces with words from the circle.

1. Soldiers defend their country.
2. My father doesn't allow me to stay out late.
3. We work hard to achieve our dreams.
4. Some teenagers are obsessed with videogames.
5. Smoking is a bad addiction.



- Use the present continuous to talk about future plans and arrangements.
- Use the present continuous with time expressions such as, *tonight, tomorrow, next week, ..* etc.

I'm playing football tomorrow afternoon.

NEXT WEEK

3 Complete the following paragraph using the present continuous.

Next week is a holiday and I have lots of things to do! On Monday, I 'm meeting (meet) my friends and we are going (go) to the cinema. On Tuesday, I 'm visiting (visit) my grandparents. On Wednesday, I 'm playing (play) tennis with my older brother. On Thursday, my parents are taking (take) me to the dentist. At the weekend, we are travelling (travel) to Dubai. What a wonderful week!

4 Match the arrangements and how they were organised.

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| 1. I'm flying to Spain for a holiday. | (3) I've got an appointment |
| 2. I'm playing basketball with my friend tomorrow. | (4) We've invited lots of people. |
| 3. I'm going to the doctor next week. | (1) I've got the plane tickets. |
| 4. We're having a barbecue at the weekend. | (6) We've bought the ingredients. |
| 5. We're watching the new Superman film tonight. | (7) Our teacher has booked a bus. |
| 6. My mum is helping me make a cake tomorrow. | (2) We agreed to meet at 16:00. |
| 7. My class is visiting a museum next week. | (5) We have tickets for the 19:30 show. |

- A factual statement is something that you can prove true or false.
Kuwait City is the capital of Kuwait. **(True)** It snows in Kuwait. **(False)**
- An opinion shows what someone thinks or feels.
Yellow is a nicer colour than blue.

5 Write the letter (F) when the sentence is fact, and (O) when it is opinion. Then, write one fact about each opinion and one opinion about each fact.

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| 1. His house is really beautiful. | (O) |
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| 2. That picture is by Picasso. | (F) |
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| 3. That boy is the nicest person in the school. | (O) |
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| 4. A polar bear is the funniest animal to watch. | (O) |
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| 5. Oranges contain both calcium and vitamin C. | (F) |
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