

2 He said he couldn't remember

2 READING

Do exercise 2 on page 90 of the Student's Book. Then read the article below about another popular means of communication. What advantages and disadvantages do the teenagers mention?

Facebook

Thanks to Mark Zuckerberg and a few friends at Harvard University, USA, Facebook came to life on 4 February 2004. We asked two British teenagers, Patrick (18) and his sister Antonia (16), questions about the largest social networking site in the world.



Why did you join Facebook?

Patrick Many of my friends at the time were on it, so that was an influence.

Antonia Because my brother was on it and he said it was good!

How much time do you spend on the site?

Patrick About an hour a day.

Antonia When I'm at home, around four hours a week, but when I'm away, not more than 30 minutes a week.

What do you use Facebook for?

Patrick To communicate and make arrangements with friends.

Antonia I use it to keep in touch with people in other countries, and see instantly what my friends are doing from photos or status updates.

Have you had any problems with it?

Patrick I haven't had many problems, but I know there's a lot of cyberbullying on Facebook. I also know that some people are addicted to the site and can't live without it.

Antonia My only problem is that whenever there is an update, Facebook puts your privacy setting on default – this means that everyone can see what you're posting.

Are you careful about what you post?

Patrick Yes, because anything you post on the Internet (even if deleted) is there forever – it can always be found! And I don't post anything that might offend others.

Antonia I am now, because I know that job interviewers can look you up to find out what you do in your free time and see if you are suitable for the job, so it can have an effect on your future career!

Some people say Facebook is changing the way people interact – do you agree?

Patrick Not really. If you have to speak to someone urgently, you'll phone them. But it's true that Facebook has made it *easier* for people to interact.

Antonia Yes, I do – if you overuse it, it can make you almost unsociable. You think you've had a catch-up with a friend when it's just been a couple of finger taps on a keyboard!

3 AFTER READING

Do exercises 3 and 4 on pages 90–91 of the Student's Book. Then read the sentences below about the Facebook text and decide: true, false, or no information? Correct the false sentences.

1 Patrick said he spent about an hour a day on Facebook.

2 He thought it was fun to share photos on the site.

3 He told the interviewer that he knew people who were addicted to the site.

4 He said that he didn't post anything that might offend others.

5 He said that if you had to speak to someone urgently, you would text them.

6 Antonia said she spent at least 30 minutes a week on Facebook when she was away.

7 She said she used Facebook to keep in touch with people in other countries.

8 She thought that people wasted a lot of time on the site.

9 She said she was careful about what she posted because it could have an effect on her future career.

10 She didn't agree that Facebook was changing the way people interacted.

Now match these reported statements with the teenagers' words in the text.

1 She said that she spent around four hours a week on Facebook when she was at home.

2 She said she used Facebook to see instantly what her friends were doing.

3 He told the interviewer that he hadn't had many problems.

4 He said that anything you posted on the Internet was there forever.

5 He said that Facebook had made it easier for people to interact.

6 She said that if you overused Facebook, it could make you almost unsociable.

Now look at *Your response* on page 91 of the Student's Book.