

Listening skills practice: Living online – exercises

Listen to five different people talking about communication in the digital world and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

Preparation

Match the two parts of the phrases and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... update | a. touch with everyone |
| 2..... be glued | b. on having fun |
| 3..... pay | c. to the screen |
| 4..... it's not the end | d. your status |
| 5..... stay in | e. attention to what someone's saying |
| 6..... miss out | f. of the world |

1. Check your understanding: matching

Match the ideas to the speakers and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... Speaker 1 | a. Has recently learned about some of the negative effects of excessive online communication. |
| 2..... Speaker 2 | b. Is suffering from the fear of missing out. |
| 3..... Speaker 3 | c. Has witnessed great changes in the way we communicate over recent years. |
| 4..... Speaker 4 | d. Thinks that the amount of time teens spend online is alarming. |
| 5..... Speaker 5 | e. Is quite happy for any photos of themselves to be posted online. |
| 6..... Not said | f. Thinks limiting teenagers' access to technology is unfair. |
| 7..... Not said | g. Wishes people would talk more in person. |
| 8..... Not said | h. Enjoys being able to contact all friends with the same message at once. |

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Speaker 1 likes to know as soon as they get a new message. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Speaker 2 thinks the most annoying thing is when people use their phone in meetings. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Speaker 3 says that FOMO, or fear of missing out, is more common among teens. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Speaker 4 thinks that young people today are aware of the drawbacks of online communication. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Speaker 5 has made a lot of new friends thanks to online communication. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

Discussion

Which of the speakers do you agree with most?

Do they express any views that you disagree with? Why?