

**B2.II**

**UNIT 1**

False friends are words which have a similar formal aspect but different meaning. These false friends are often tricky for students.

**Exercise 1**

**Choose the correct option for each sentence. Look up the meaning of each word in dictionaries.**

- a-** Did you know that my daughter got \_\_\_\_\_ on her honeymoon?
1. Pregnant
  2. Embarrassed
  3. Pregnancy
- b-** I think that this beggar lives in the \_\_\_\_\_ .
1. suburbs
  2. slums
  3. neighbourhood
- c-** When you prepare homemade mayonnaise, you must keep \_\_\_\_\_ it for hours.
1. Stirring
  2. Removing
  3. Moving
- d-** When my house burned down, firefighters came to my \_\_\_\_\_ .
1. Attendance
  2. Pertinence
  3. Assistance
- e-** Swedish tourists are recognised in Spain because they wear white socks with sandals. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ .
1. Topic
  2. Stereotype
  3. Issue

- f- I worked for that company from time to time. So that was a \_\_\_\_\_ job.
1. Temporary
  2. Eventual
  3. Temporal
- g- The \_\_\_\_\_ Mark hates the most is English. But he understands how important it is for his future.
1. Subject
  2. Signature
  3. Material
- h- The movie *Titanic* was a real box-office \_\_\_\_\_
1. Exodus
  2. Success
  3. Exit
- i- Do you know how many \_\_\_\_\_ I can speak?
1. Tongues
  2. Languages
  3. Idioms
- j- Every time I watch a romantic movie, I can't stop myself from crying. I'm a very \_\_\_\_\_ girl.
1. Sensible
  2. Sensational
  3. Sensitive
- k- My parents always say I am a very \_\_\_\_\_ person. But I can never make friends.
1. Sympathetic
  2. Kind
  3. Sympathy
- l- I've got a \_\_\_\_\_ and I forgot my handkerchief. Can I have a tissue, please?
1. flood
  2. constipation
  3. cold
- m- Do you think people can afford a house with this economic crisis \_\_\_\_\_?
1. Nowadays
  2. Actually
  3. Current
  - 4.

## Exercise 2

Correct the mistakes related to grammar and false friends in the following sentences. Delete or add the necessary information:

1. Congratulations on yours embarrassment!  
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2. Seriously, teacher, I forgot my homework in mine carpet!  
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3. I am so constipated I canned even breath.  
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4. I is so emotional! I love riding roller coasters!  
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5. I can not see anything without my lentils.  
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6. Stop molesting me or I wild tell my father!  
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7. What a casualty!!  
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8. I wish you and lot of exit with your examens.  
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9. There is fire! We has to call the bombers in!  
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10. Son, you must been responsible. Take this preservatives in case you need them.  
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## Exercise 3

Articles review. Multiple choice exercises: choose among *a*, *an*, and *the*, to fill the gaps.

1. Lindsay recommended \_\_\_\_ good surgeon, but \_\_\_\_ surgeon won't have any appointments available for the next two months.
2. Do you have \_\_\_\_ computer? I have \_\_\_\_ laptop and \_\_\_\_ iPad.
3. Do you have \_\_\_\_ dictionary? I don't have one, and I need to look up \_\_\_\_ word.
4. Fran, where's \_\_\_\_ mop? I can't find it. It was in \_\_\_\_ closet, but now it's not there.
5. Do you have \_\_\_\_ vacuum? I dropped \_\_\_\_ piece of cake, and I need to clean it up.
6. Mount Everest is \_\_\_\_ Earth's highest mountain. It's \_\_\_\_ very beautiful one.
7. Do you have \_\_\_\_ passport? You need \_\_\_\_ passport to travel abroad.
8. My sister is \_\_\_\_ doctor and my brother is \_\_\_\_ taxi driver.
9. John recommended \_\_\_\_ film to me. But I didn't like \_\_\_\_ film at all.

10. There's \_\_\_\_\_ lovely cat in \_\_\_\_\_ garden next door. I think \_\_\_\_\_ cat is looking for some food.
11. Did you remember to bring \_\_\_\_\_ passport along? You need \_\_\_\_\_ passport to travel abroad.

#### Exercise 4

Read the text and complete it with one of the sentences below.

### Social Networking

The internet has given us the ability to connect with people from around the globe with a few clicks of a button, making it easier than ever to keep in touch with our friends and family. Because of that, social networking is the biggest industry of our time, but it wasn't always that way.

Geocities was among the first social networking sites on the internet, launching its website in 1994. Its intent was to allow users to create their own websites, dividing them into "cities" based on the website's content. A few years later, instant messaging was born. 1 The member profiles allowed its users to write a biography and share details about themselves. The profiles were searchable so people could look your profile up. It was the most innovative feature at that time.

The first modern social networking site that we define today is Friendster. In the first 3 months, Friendster was able to amass 3,000,000 users. This means 1 in 126 web users were Friendster members at the time. Soon MySpace followed suit. It soon became more popular than Friendster. MySpace gave users more freedom than Friendster when it came to customization; with music, videos and a hipper online environment. 2

Another site with considerable success is LinkedIn. 3 Other sites focused on getting dates, having friends, and reuniting with old classmates, but LinkedIn focused on building business contacts and professionals. Today LinkedIn has 360 million registered members.

Facebook came into the social networking scene a little bit later. 4 Facebook first began with Mark Zuckerberg's alma mater Harvard. At first it was exclusive, and you could only join in if you had been invited by a member of Facebook. The 'exclusive' feature proved to be a success, and in its first month, over half of the 19,500 Harvard students signed up. Two years later, the campus-only networking site became open to the public. In 2008, Facebook surpassed MySpace and Friendster as the leading social networking site.

The definition of social networking has widened since the 1990s. 5 For example, YouTube, which is a video streaming website, allows users to form groups dedicated to certain topics or themes, and registered users may also communicate through the website by sharing videos or posting messages. Digg allows users to share news stories or other items of interest, vote on them and make comments about posts. Last.fm encourages users to share their favorite music with users by creating playlists that can be viewed by others; recommendations are then made for music the user may also like.

Social networking is changing rapidly. 6 This wave will transform the way we think of social networks, and hopefully impact the world for the better.

- A- It was launched in 2004, and the primary intent was to connect US college students.
- B- AOL Instant Messenger launched in 1997, giving users the freedom to chat with friends and create a profile.
- C- Although it seems like a new trend, sites like Facebook are the natural outcome of many centuries of social media development.
- D- Many services offer networking in the non-traditional sense.
- E- It garnered 90 million registered users, and even if it is no longer the top networking site in the world, it is still a favorite in the USA.
- F- We are going from a world of simply posting a picture of our cat to using information to create more impactful and tailored messages.

#### Exercise 5

Read the following text and complete the gaps with ONE word that fits.

#### Snapchat

With the recent rise **0 of** mobile technology and social networks, many people find themselves in trouble because hackers can **1**\_\_\_\_\_ a hold of sensitive data that they may have shared at some point in the past. Because of that, Evan Spiegel and **2**\_\_\_\_\_ small team of Stanford University students decided to create Snapchat. Snapchat is a mobile application **3**\_\_\_\_\_ allows users to send and receive "self-destructing" photos and videos. Photos and videos taken **4**\_\_\_\_\_ the application are called Snaps.

Snapchat uses **5**\_\_\_\_\_ device's camera to capture Snaps and wireless technology to send them. The application allows the sender to draw or insert text on the Snap and determine how **6**\_\_\_\_\_ seconds the recipient can view it before the file disappears from the recipient's device. Messages can **7**\_\_\_\_\_ be viewed once -- and during the viewing period, the recipient must maintain contact with the device's touchscreen or the Snap disappears. This comes **8**\_\_\_\_\_ really handy in an era in which online privacy seems to be a thing of the past.