

## READING

- a Read four tweets about weekends. Which two do you think are true?
- b Read the article *A boring weekend?*. Then read the tweets again. Which do you think are probably not true? Why?



Bob1972 @Bob1972

New York for the weekend, amazing!  
#greatweekend #nosleep



UrbanJ @UrbanJ

Spent all day Sunday at work, then in bed at 9.00. #terribleweekend



Topsy @TopsyReal

Husband took me to Paris for lunch on Saturday! #bestdayout



Betty @BettyM

Sunday in the park with the family, picnic and games. #ilovesummer

Read the article again. Correct the wrong information.

- One in ten people sometimes lie about their lives on social media.
- When people read about what their friends are doing, they are happy for them.
- People invent stories about their weekend because they want their families to think they have exciting lives.
- Some people put on fake tan on Sundays so that people at work think they look good.
- Young women are the biggest liars.
- People's online lives are the same as their real lives.

Talk to a partner.

- What do you usually answer when people ask you 'Did you have a good weekend?' Is it always true?
- When was the last time you had a really exciting weekend? What did you do?

## VOCABULARY adjectives ending -ed and -ing

Look at the two **highlighted** words in the article. Which word describes...?

- how a person feels
- a thing or a situation

4.21 Circle the correct adjective in the questions below. Listen and check. How do you say the adjectives?

- a Do you think Sundays are usually bored / boring?

b Are you bored / boring with your job or studies?
- a What kind of weather makes you feel depressed / depressing?

b Do you think the news is always depressed / depressing?
- a What activities do you find relaxed / relaxing?

b Do you usually feel relaxed / relaxing at the end of the weekend? Why (not)?
- a Have you read any interested / interesting articles or books recently?

b What sports are you interested / interesting in?
- a Are you excited / exciting about your next holiday?

b Are you doing anything excited / exciting next weekend?
- a What were you frightened / frightening of when you were a child?

b Do you find storms frightened / frightening?

Ask and answer the questions with a partner. Give more information if you can.

## A boring weekend?

Don't tell anybody!



A new survey has shown that 20% of British people tell lies about their weekend on social media.

The survey, by a travel website, shows that people invent stories to make their lives appear more interesting than they really are. Psychologist Judi James, one of the organizers of the survey, said, 'When some people read their friends' posts and see their photos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, they begin to feel jealous of them. They think that their friends are having a much more exciting life. So they invent details about their own weekend.'

One of the main reasons people give for inventing these stories is to have something to talk about on Monday morning at work or at school. This is because they don't want other people to think that they have a **boring** life. The most popular lies people tell are that they went to a party or went away for the weekend, and 3% of people even put on fake tan on Sunday night to make their colleagues think they've had a weekend away in the sun. One person in ten invents a romantic break with their partner.

People aged 18 to 24 are the ones who most often tell lies on social media and men lie more often than women. Only 20% of people interviewed said that they always told the truth in posts.

Judi James said: 'Social media is becoming increasingly important in our lives, and it seems we're living one life online and another in reality.'

So when you are feeling jealous on a Saturday night because your best friend is having a romantic dinner with her boyfriend in Venice, stop and ask yourself, 'Is she really there, or is she just sitting at home feeling **bored** like me?'

Adapted from the British press



Nº1c

1 One in five people sometimes lie about their lives on social media.

2 When people read about what their friends are doing, they begin to feel jealous of them.

3 People invent stories about their weekend because they don't want other people to think that they have a boring life.

4 Some people put on fake tan on Sundays so that people at work think that they've had a weekend away in the.

5 Young men are the biggest liars.

6 People's online lives aren't always the same as their real lives.

Nº1d

1. I never lie about how I spent my weekend, it doesn't make sense. I usually answer that I did computer science or programming labs, or went for a walk.

Nº2a

1)b(33th row)

2)a(15th row)

Nº2b(complete)

Nº2c

1a)No, I don't.

1b)No, I ain't.

2a)Actually, I love any weather, especially rain.

2b)I don't watch the news at all.

3a)Studing, playing games, take a walk in nature.

3b)Yes, I do. It's 'cause in life, I do what i like.

4a)Yes, I am. I recently finished reading "The Witcher:Baptism of Fire" and "Clockwork Orange".

4b)I'm intersted in sport programming.

5a)Yes, defenetly.

5b)Yes, defenetly, it's the same question.

6a)I was afraid of the dark as a child.

6b)No, I don't think so. I think thunderstorms are the most heartwarming thing in life.



## 1 READING &amp; SPEAKING

- a Look at the questionnaire. In pairs, ask and answer the questions. Answer with *often*, *sometimes*, or *never*.

**HOW FAST IS YOUR LIFE?**

- 1 Do people tell you that you talk too quickly?
- 2 Do you get impatient when other people are talking?
- 3 Are you the first person to finish at mealtimes?
- 4 When you are walking along a street, do you feel frustrated when you are behind people who are walking more slowly?
- 5 Do you get irritable if you sit for an hour without doing anything, e.g. waiting for the doctor?
- 6 Do you walk out of shops and restaurants if there is a queue?

- b **Communication** How fast is your life? p.109  
Read the results. Do you agree?
- c Read the article. What is the main reason why life is faster today?

- d In **two minutes** find the answers to questions 1–8 in the article.

- 1 How do we feel when things don't happen immediately?
- 2 What has changed the way we meet people?
- 3 How much faster are we walking than in the past?
- 4 How many Google searches are made every hour?
- 5 How many people decide not to go back to a web page if it takes more than ten seconds to load?
- 6 What do some Facebook users expect to get less than a minute after posting a picture?
- 7 How long are British people prepared to wait for a bus?
- 8 Which activity do they find more annoying, waiting for a replacement credit card or for a shopping delivery?

- e Underline six technology words in the article.

- f Answer the questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you think the statistics are true in your country?
- 2 Which of the 'time-wasting' activities annoys you the most? Why?
- 3 Do you think it's a good thing that life is getting faster? Why (not)?

## I WANT IT, AND I WANT IT NOW! Why are we so impatient?

Tuesday 22 Oct 6:00 am

## Whatever happened to patience?

We don't like waiting for things anymore. With faster broadband, instant searches, and immediate downloads, we expect things to happen immediately, and if they don't we get impatient.

Fast food restaurants have changed the way we eat. The growth of mobile phone apps like Tinder has changed the way we meet new people. We don't need to wait a week to see the next episode of a TV series – we can download it on Netflix. We are even walking 10% faster than 20 years ago, and talking more quickly. Everything is getting faster, but is it getting better? That depends on how fast you like to live.



More than  
**125m**  
Google searches are  
made every hour.



**50%** of users leave a web  
page that doesn't load  
in ten seconds. Three  
out of five people don't  
return to that site.



**1/3** of British people expect  
a 'like' on a Facebook  
picture in less than a  
minute after posting it.



The average  
British person  
is only prepared  
to wait  
**4**  
minutes to  
get a drink  
in a bar...

...and

**6**

minutes for a bus.



British people's most hated  
time-wasting activities are (in order):

- 1 waiting to be connected on the phone
- 2 waiting for a replacement credit card
- 3 waiting for a shopping delivery
- 4 waiting for a delayed flight
- 5 being stuck in traffic



Nº1d

- 1) We get annoyed.
- 2) Like Tinder (it's a lie).
- 3) 10% faster.
- 4) 125 millions searches.
- 5) 3 out of 5.
- 6) Likes
- 7) 6 min
- 8) Waiting for a replacement credit card.

Nº1e (complete)

Nº1f

1. No, I don't think so. I think it depends on region, 'cause in Moscow, technology takes root best, unlike in the regions. And also the Russian mentality.
2. Time spent on movement.
3. It can't be said that this is a bad thing or a good thing. It's just a result of the advent of technology.

#### 4C

a Complete with *something, anything, nothing, etc.*

Are you doing anything tonight?

- 1 Did you meet anyone last night?
- 2 Someone phoned when you were out. They're going to call back later.
- 3 I've seen your wallet somewhere, but I can't remember where.
- 4 There's something interesting on at the cinema tonight. Let's stay in.
- 5 Did anyone see you when you left the house?
- 6 Did you go anything exciting at the weekend?
- 7 I've bought you something really nice for Christmas!
- 8 I rang the doorbell, but no one answered.
- 9 A What would you like for your birthday?  
B Anything! I really don't mind.
- 10 There's nowhere to go swimming – the pool is closed.

b Answer with *Nobody, Nowhere, or Nothing*.

- 1 What did you do last night? nothing
- 2 Where did you go yesterday? nowhere
- 3 Who did you see? nobody

c Answer the questions in b with a full negative sentence.

- 1 I didn't do anything last night.
- 2 I didn't go anywhere yesterday.
- 3 No one saw me anywhere.