

## 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 D           | a. touch with everyone                |
| 2..... be glued C         | b. on having fun                      |
| 3..... pay E              | c. to the screen                      |
| 4..... it's not the end F | d. your status                        |
| 5..... stay in A          | e. attention to what someone's saying |
| 6..... miss out B         | 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 | 3 a. Has recently learned about some of the negative effects of excessive online communication. |
| 2..... Speaker 2 | 6 b. Is suffering from the fear of missing out.   |
| 3..... Speaker 3 | 1 c. Has witnessed great changes in the way we communicate over recent years.                   |
| 4..... Speaker 4 | 7 d. Thinks that the amount of time teens spend online is alarming.                             |
| 5..... Speaker 5 | 8 e. Is quite happy for any photos of themselves to be posted online.                           |
| 6..... Not said  | 4 f. Thinks limiting teenagers' access to technology is unfair.                                 |
| 7..... Not said  | 2 g. Wishes people would talk more in person.   |
| 8..... Not said  | 5 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.                                   | True        | <u>False</u> |
| 2. | Speaker 2 thinks the most annoying thing is when people use their phone in meetings.         | True        | <u>False</u> |
| 3. | Speaker 3 says that FOMO, or fear of missing out, is more common among teens.                | <u>True</u> | False        |
| 4. | Speaker 4 thinks that young people today are aware of the drawbacks of online communication. | <u>True</u> | False        |
| 5. | Speaker 5 has made a lot of new friends thanks to online communication.                      | <u>True</u> | False        |

### Discussion

Which of the speakers do you agree with most? I AM IN AGREEMENT WITH SPEAKER THREE BECAUSE, ADOLESCENTS ARE LEAVING EVERYTHING FOR SOCIAL NETWORKS AND THIS DEPENDENCE

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

I AM IN DISAGREEMENT WITH SPEAKER FOUR BECAUSE, YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD NOT HAVE CELL PHONES