Stephen Marche’s article, “Is Facebook Making Us Lonely?” says that the use of social media actually results us being less involved in the people around us. He is saying that by using social media instead of becoming less and less lonely, we are actually becoming lonelier. Some people claim that online friends are actually “real” friends, but under what conditions? A question to think about is what makes the relationship a real relationship, and how does it work in cyber space?

On social media, a person has followers or friends. Even though you cannot interact physically with a lot of these people, some may consider them actual friends. I think that they can actually be real friends in certain circumstances. If you know about them outside of the cyber space, then they would be a real friend. Or, if you need help, those real friends would help you. But what makes this a real friend relationship is that you two actually do stuff together. They would also be considered a real friend if you talk to them daily through social media go to them with your problems, even if you don’t actually know them in real life.

One thing to think about in determining if online friends are actually real friends is what makes a relationship a real friendship? Friendships are determined by how you interact with one another. If you or your friend are having a tough time, they help each other and work them out of that situation. Another thing that helps determine if a relationship is a friendship is your interests and values. Usually, people make friends doing what they love to do. Some examples would be playing on a basketball or baseball team, or joining some kind of club where all the members enjoy the same thing that you enjoy. Overall, friends are people with whom you are close to, share interests with, and comfortable going to with your problems.

In a real serious friendship, you can still make it work in cyber space. Even if you have never met someone in real life, it doesn’t mean that you cannot be friends. Social media offers so many possibilities as to the ways that you can connect with other people. One way to connect to people is to use Skype. This app allows people to video chat and connect with each other. Also, you can use media websites like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to keep up with your social media friends. Although social media makes it easier to connect with people, it also opens the door for people to create fake relationships to fool people or get something out of them. People make fake social media accounts all the time to trick people into friending them. So, it may be smart to use Skype to make sure that they are really who they say they are.

In conclusion, online friends definitely can be real friends in the right conditions.