Word-of-Mouth

... the sharing of information about a product, promotion, etc., between a consumer and a friend, colleague, or other acquaintance

(American Marketing Association)

Exponential growth

Social Media

... a group of
Internet-based
applications that build
on the ideological and
technological
foundations of Web
2.0, and that allow the
creation and exchange
of User Generated
Content

(Kaplan and Haenlein 2010)

Viral Marketing

... electronic Wordof-Mouth in which some form of marketing message related to a company, brand or product is transmitted in an exponentially growing way, often through the use of social media applications.