

Social networking

Do you ever use websites such as Facebook? Did you know that there are now over 200 social networking websites?! Millions of people use them to stay in contact with friends, find old friends, and make new ones. But it's important to be careful with information you read or post online so here is some advice to help you network more safely!

1. Don't post very personal information eg. Full name, address, telephone number, bank details.
2. Remember that not all the information you read might be true. People sometimes lie about who they really are.
3. Think before you post photos online. Other people might access and use your photo too.
4. Be careful if you decide to meet a new online friend in person. Meet in a public place, during the day and take friends you trust. Tell an adult where you are going and how long you will be.
5. If you feel uncomfortable about someone you meet online tell an adult.

GLOSSARY: Social networking websites – sitios de redes sociales,
Lie - mentir, Stay in contact – mantenerse en contacto, Trust – confiar,
Post online – publicar en línea, Uncomfortable – incomodo/a,
Full name – nombre completo

QUESTIONS:

1. Read the text and answer the questions.

- a) What type of website is the text about?
- b) What information does the text give you?

2. Read the text again and answer the questions.

- c) How many social networking websites are there?
- d) Why do so many people use these websites?
- e) What personal information shouldn't you post online?
- f) What should you remember is you post photos online?
- g) Where and when should you meet a new online friend?
- h) What should you do if someone you meet online makes you feel uncomfortable?

3. Vocabulary. Match the correct verb from the text with the definition below.

- a) To put information onto the internet.
- b) To meet new friends or people on the internet.
- c) To say something which isn't true.
- d) To find or see information.
- e) To believe that someone is good and honest.
- f) To say something to someone to give them information.

to access

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to network

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to tell

ANSWERS:

1.

- a) Social networking websites.
- b) Advice on how to use these websites safely.

2.

- c) There are over 200 social networking websites.
- d) They use them to stay in contact with friends, find old friends, or make new friends.
- e) You shouldn't post your full name, address, telephone number, bank details.
- f) That other people can access them and that they might also use your photo.
- g) You should meet them in a public place during the day.
- h) You should tell an adult.

3.

- a) To post (information).
- b) To network.
- c) To lie.
- d) To access.
- e) To trust.
- f) To tell.