

Open comprehension

1 Read the text in exercise 3 quickly. Find these numbers:

- a a year (x2)
 b a number of people
 c a number of minutes (x2)

2 Read the sentences. Correct the personality adjectives in bold.

- 1 My maths teacher is nice but she never laughs. She's very **cheerful**. *serious*
 2 My brother never buys me a birthday present. He's so **generous**!
 3 My friend is good at looking after children. He's very **irresponsible**.
 4 My mother works 10 hours a day. She's really **lazy**.
 5 My favourite actor always says bad things about people. He's **kind**, but very funny!
 6 My sister doesn't talk much when there are a lot of people. She's **confident**.

✓ Exam tip

In open comprehension reading activities, there are a lot of possible correct answers. Your answer must include the information that the question asks for. Remember to use the correct spelling and punctuation. You can find the spelling of some of the words in the text, but remember not to copy the sentences from the text.

3 Answer the following questions in your own words according to the information given in the text. Do not copy from the text.

- 1 How does social media sometimes make Millie feel?

 2 What does Millie tell us about young people in Spain?

 3 What happens if you spend less time on social media apps, according to Millie?

 4 Why does Millie post more serious things on one social media platform?

 5 Why does Millie say we shouldn't feel jealous about what we see on social media?

My happy place

This week I'm thinking about social media ...



Hi! I'm Millie.

Do you sometimes feel sad, stressed or jealous after using social media? Yes, me too! A recent survey asked more than 5,000 people from Generation Z – people born between 1997 and 2012 – how they felt about using social media and technology. Almost half of them said it is not good for their physical and mental health. Young people were most concerned about this in Spain (59%), Australia (55%) and France (53%).

I also read about an app that records how people use other apps. It found that people who spend less time on social media apps are happier about using them. Apparently, if you spend more than about 25 minutes on a social media app, you will probably feel unhappy about it. Yes, I think that's true! I feel best if I stop looking at social media after about 15 minutes.

I read another article that said people often have different personalities for different social media platforms. That's strange, but I think it's true too. On one platform, which only my friends use, I post a lot of funny photos with my friends. On another platform, which my parents and grandparents use, I'm more serious. I sometimes post to say I've finished writing a story or I've done well in an exam. People on that platform probably think I'm hard-working and responsible!

Here's what I think. What you see on social media isn't always real, so we shouldn't feel jealous about other people's lives. What do you think? Let me know in the comments!



4 Read the text again and find words that have these meanings.

- a a set of questions to find out about what people do or think about something (paragraph 1)
 b to keep information (paragraph 2)
 c I've read/heard that ... (paragraph 2)
 d a type of website or app (paragraph 3)

A2 Key Part 5

- 1 Look at the gaps in the text in exercise 3. What is this task mainly testing?
- your vocabulary: the words you know on a topic, for example, words for feelings
 - your grammar: if you use the correct forms of the word, and if the word is right in the sentence
- 2 Look at the photos then write the missing letters to complete the feelings.



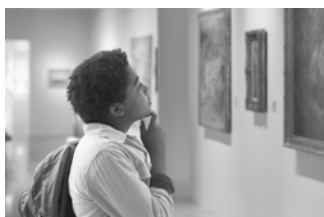
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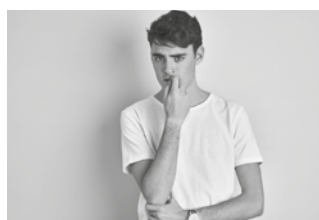
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Exam tip

Key Part 5 tests how well you understand grammatical forms and the relationships between words, phrases, clauses and sentences.

Note that the missing words may be conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions and auxiliary verbs. Some common fixed phrases and phrasal verbs may also be tested.

- 3 For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word for each gap.

From: tyler@friendsmail.com

To: chloe@friendsmail.com

Yesterday (1) the worst day ever! I was really excited because I had a ticket to see Cat Burns – she's (2) favourite singer and songwriter. The concert was in a theatre in the city centre so I went (3) bus. Unfortunately, the bus had a problem and it stopped. At first, I wasn't worried (4) I was early for the concert. But after an hour, I was very stressed! I decided to get off the bus and walk (5) the concert. The theatre was further away than I thought. I had to walk (6) an hour so I was tired. When I arrived at the theatre, the concert was finished! I was so disappointed. ☹

I hope your day was better (7) mine!