

HBD to you 😊

LEARNING OUTCOME

learn how to use social networking language

Everyday life

1 Look at the photo and answer the questions.

Where are the people and what are they doing?
What do people usually use social media for?



Everyday vocabulary

2 How could you explain the words and expressions in *italics*?

Do you ever *chat online*?

Do you use *emojis*?

What's *trending* at the moment?

Have you opened an Instagram *account*?

I'm going to *log in* to my Twitter *homepage*.

A *vlogger* is a video *blogger*.



3 Add any more language related to social networking you know to the list in 2.

Dialogue

4 05 Listen to the dialogue. What does Ingrid decide to do?

Ingrid is staying with a host family in the UK. Rosie, their daughter, is the same age as Ingrid.

Rosie: Do you ever chat online, Ingrid?

Ingrid: Yes, but not so much with my English friends. I don't understand some of the language.

Rosie: (1) Most words are abbreviations, like 'A-B-T' means 'about'. The others often take the first letter of each word in a small phrase, like 'H-A-N-D' means 'Have a nice day'. And you use 'F-2-F' when you want to meet someone (2)

Ingrid: What is 'B-F'?

Rosie: (3) It's the first letters of 'best friend'. You use it to talk about a very special friend.

Ingrid: And what does 'trending' mean?

Rosie: It means 'what's popular right now'. I'll show you. I'm going to log in to my Twitter account. Look, this is a list (4)

Ingrid: Who is that?

Rosie: Just a football team. Not very interesting. Ooh, video awards – that's better!

Ingrid: Zoella? Who is that?

Rosie: She's a vlogger. A vlogger is (5) A blogger writes opinions and posts them on a website and a vlogger appears in front of a camera. Oh, it's a message from Katie. Let's see if you can understand it.

Ingrid: U-C prog a-b-t Liam? F2F later? Did you see the programme about Liam? Do you want to meet face to face later?

Rosie: Wow! (6) You're good! Do you want to open a Twitter account?

Ingrid: Come on, then. Let's do it!

5 Read and complete the dialogue with the phrases (a–f). Then listen again and check.

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| a ... someone who posts short films on video-sharing sites. | d Exactly right! |
| b It's easier than you think. | e 'face to face'. |
| c ... of what's trending at the moment. | f We use this one a lot. |

EVERYDAY ENGLISH TOOLKIT: USING LANGUAGE FOR SOCIAL NETWORKING

Write the social networking language next to the meanings.

ABT • BF • B/C • B4 • HAND • HBD • IC • IDK • KK • TMB

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| a) tweet me back <i>TMB</i> | f) because |
| b) have a nice day | g) happy birthday |
| c) a very special friend | h) I see |
| d) I don't know | i) cool cool |
| e) before | j) about |

Over to you!

6 Work in pairs. You are going to text your friend. Follow the steps below and send each other written texts. Use the expressions in the Everyday English Toolkit.

Step 1: Think about a TV show, a blog, a piece of music, a film, an artist, or a writer that you both know.

Step 2: Send a message to your friend asking for an opinion about your choice from Step 1.

Step 3: Write a reply expressing your opinion and then keep the 'conversation' going.

Exchange several short messages.