

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Academic Vocabulary

Read the short story and answer each question.



The Impact of Social Media on Society

In the last two decades, **social media** has dramatically changed how people communicate, work, and even think. Platforms like **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram** allow people to share their thoughts, photos, and ideas with a global audience. This has connected people across continents, but it has also raised concerns about privacy, mental health, and the spread of misinformation.

The rise of social media has made communication faster and easier. People can now share their opinions, ideas, and personal stories instantly. This has changed the way businesses and individuals advertise products and connect with customers. Social media has also made it easier to organize **social movements**, such as **#MeToo** and **Black Lives Matter**, where people can raise awareness about social issues and injustice.

However, the impact of social media is not all positive. Many studies have shown that heavy use of social media can affect mental health. Teens, in particular, are more likely to experience feelings of anxiety and depression when they are constantly comparing themselves to others online. Social media can also promote **misinformation**, where false or misleading information is shared quickly, leading to confusion and mistrust.

The relationship between social media and society is complex. While it has helped connect people and promote social change, it has also created new challenges. As technology continues to evolve, it will be important to understand how social media influences our lives and how we can use it responsibly.



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The Impact of Social Media on Society

1. What is one relationship between social media and communication?

- A. Social media makes it faster and easier to communicate with people around the world.
- B. Social media prevents people from communicating with each other.
- C. Social media only allows people to communicate in person.
- D. Social media helps people only communicate through pictures, not words.

2. How do social movements like #MeToo and Black Lives Matter relate to social media?

- A. Social media helped people organize and raise awareness about these important movements.
- B. Social media made it harder for people to communicate about social justice.
- C. Social media kept people from sharing information about these movements.
- D. Social media spread fake news about the movements.

3. Fill in the blank:

Social media can contribute to feelings of _____, especially among teens, when they compare themselves to others.

4. How do the benefits of social media, such as connecting people and promoting social change, compare to the risks, such as mental health issues and misinformation?

5. What does the passage suggest about the role of social media in the future?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: V

Lexile Level: 950L–1100L

Grade Level: 5th Grade, End of the Year

Genre: Informational – Technology / Society

Introducing the Text

“This passage explains the effects of social media on society, focusing on both its positive and negative aspects. Students will analyze how social media affects communication, social movements, mental health, and the spread of information. They will also discuss how different ideas and consequences are interconnected in the text.”

Vocabulary: social media, misinformation, social movements, anxiety, advertising

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you know about how social media influences society?
 2. Why might it be important to understand both the positive and negative effects of social media?
 3. How do you think social media has changed the way we connect with each other?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. How has social media impacted communication between people?
 2. What role has social media played in social movements?
 3. How does the passage explain the risks of social media, such as mental health issues and misinformation?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What are the two main ideas in this passage?
 2. How do the details about mental health and misinformation support the idea that social media has negative effects?
 3. What can we infer about the future of social media based on the ideas presented in the text?
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Activity Idea

Ask students to create a “pros and cons” list about social media, including details from the text. Have them write a short paragraph explaining how they think social media can be used responsibly to maximize its benefits and minimize its risks.

