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LEARNING OVERVIEW



UNIT 1
The Social Media Challenge
Express Your Opinions on Social Media

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- focus on the key vocabulary to understand the main idea of the unit.
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- Which do you watch more often, TV or YouTube? What are your reasons?

Watching  
Watch the video and write a brief outline in approximately five sentences.

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In this unit, you will learn to ...

An overview of the unit helps students focus on learning outcomes.

Warming Up


Activates students' background knowledge of the topic.

Watching

Presents a video for students to watch and recognize the words they hear.

Vocabulary

Teaches the definition and usage of the topic-related words or phrases.

Vocabulary 



A Choose the most appropriate word from the box to complete the phrases. Change the word form if necessary.

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- do many house _____
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- make an _____ effort
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B Choose the most appropriate meaning of the underlined expressions.

- I don't like this movie. It's kind of boring.
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- This picture is funny in a way.
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Listening Comprehension  


A Watch the video and choose the correct answers to the following questions.

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(D) she thought the video on YouTube was funny

B Answer the following questions.


- What does Mon think she misses about social media?

- Where does Mon's sister live?

Tips on Listening and Speaking 


Linking Similar Sounds
When the final sound of one word is similar to the initial sound of the next word, the two sounds are not pronounced separately but linked.

- Due to limited time, we can only visit two museums today.
- I'm learning how to play the electric guitar.

Dictation 

Listen to the sentences and fill in the blanks.

- We just _____.
- It's kind of like, funny _____ and it's true, like, I use YouTube a lot to cook meals and watch, like videos on how to bake something.
- I hope _____ and I hope you have a wonderful week, with or without social media.

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Listening Comprehension

Presents various review questions for students to check comprehension.

Dictation

Teaches sound features related to Tips on Listening and Speaking as well as content words from the video.

Retelling

Presents part of the video for students to watch and retell in their own words.

Grammar

Presents images or graphical explanations of the grammar point of the unit.

Retelling

Watch the video again and tell the story of each scene to your partner. You can use the keywords given next to each picture.

e.g. **Keywords:** social media touch see

Example

Mon decided not to use social media for a week. Her rule was that she couldn't touch or see anything related to social media.

1. **What Mon sometimes does with Instagram**
Keywords: inspiration post share

2. **Mon's feelings on the last day**
Keywords: integrate spend check

Discussion

Q: Do you think you can stop using all social media for a week? Discuss your ideas with your partner.

Your ideas	Your partner's ideas

Passive Voice

Passive voice, not active voice, is used, for example, when we want to (1) emphasize the receiver of the action, (2) focus on the action, or (3) imply that the agent is unknown, or is not important.

- The teacher is liked by every student.
↳ The speaker wants to emphasize who every student likes, rather than who likes the teacher.
- The decision was made to start a new business.
↳ The speaker wants to emphasize the action itself, rather than who took the action.
- The window was broken yesterday.
↳ The speaker probably doesn't know who broke the window.

Grammar Exercise

Unscramble the following words and complete the sentences.

- (a group of / the novel / translated / by / experts / was) who have sufficient background knowledge about it
- (conducted / by / the use / smartphones / of / was / the survey / about) the Ministry of Education
- Last week (near / some trees / cut down / were / Ben's house) very suddenly
- It is said that (established / new / within / will / be / a / university) three years in the city
- Many researchers agree that (to / efforts / stabilize / more / made / be / should) the economy
- Although (many years / was / ago / the song / released), it remains very popular among all generations

Discussion

Presents step-by-step exercises to enhance students' critical thinking skills.

Grammar Exercise

Enhances students' grammar ability through a variety of exercises.

Vocabulary Check

Teaches useful vocabulary from the Reading.

Reading

Features an interesting article related to the topic of the video.

Reading

Instagram is currently one of the most popular social media platforms in the world. There is almost no one who doesn't know the name of this app, but do you know its origin and history? It originated from the creative idea of two young people, and their path to huge success was a long one.

- The original app was created in 2009 by Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger. Both of them graduated from Stanford University and interned at Odeo, the predecessor of Twitter. Their success began in a co-working space, where they were working on the development of a new app. Initially, the app they invented was not called Instagram, but "Burbn." It was designed as a check-in app that allowed users to share their locations and post pictures taken there. However, the app failed to attract users, probably because there was another app that had a similar feature.
- By analyzing data on the user trends, Kevin and Mike noticed one particular pattern: many of the users posted only their pictures without checking in. They thought the picture filters had something to do with that phenomenon, and therefore decided to focus solely on photos.
- Kevin and Mike worked as fast as they could on developing the app. Only eight weeks after they started, at 12:15 a.m. on October 6 in 2010, the new version of the app was launched on the iOS platform. Kevin and Mike renamed the app Instagram, a made-up word combining "instant camera" and "telegram." Instagram rapidly gained popularity, which the founders had not expected. Within a few minutes of its release, the app started to be downloaded by people around the world. It took only a couple of hours for the app to gain more than 10,000 users. By the middle of December that year, the number of registered users increased to one million.
- One of the reasons for the app's success may be that it focuses on offering one incredible service, rather than on providing multiple services. Although this kind of decision is occasionally difficult to make, it resulted in the app having over one billion active users today.

Vocabulary Check

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. Change the word form if necessary.

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- The _____ of this custom in the village remains unknown.
- The new model of the car has several improvements over its _____.
- The event organized by the city succeeded in _____ many people.
- Using online meeting services has become a global _____.
- I would like to _____ more knowledge about education.

Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions.

- What do the two co-founders have in common?
- Why did Burbn fail to be popular?
- What did the two co-founders notice through their data analysis?
- When did the number of users reach one million?

Reading Comprehension

Presents multiple-choice questions for students to check comprehension.

LEARNING OVERVIEW

Writing

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- (1) Do you think it is a good idea to share aspects of your personal life on social media?
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- (3) What are the cons of sharing aspects of your personal life on social media?

Useful Expressions

- 1 I believe that sharing aspects of my personal life on social media is ...
- 2 One of the advantages/disadvantages of sharing aspects of my personal life on social media is ...
- 3 Sharing my pictures with others may be nice because ...
- 4 Sharing what I'm thinking may be important because ...
- 5 It is sometimes dangerous for us to share ...

Useful Vocabulary

- interact with followers
- receive comments from friends
- be concerned about privacy
- check reactions of other people
- post some photos from my trip
- share emotions

B Make pairs and share your ideas with your partner. Write down what your partner has shared with you.

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Writing

Presents step-by-step exercises to aid output of students' ideas or opinions.

Useful Expressions for Discussions

Presents useful expressions for each discussion exercise.

Writing

A Write about some ideas you have on measures to protect languages in danger of extinction in 70-80 words, considering the following points.

- (1) What do you think are the reasons for UNESCO to protect endangered languages?
- (2) What methods of international cooperation should be employed for such protection?
- (3) How can schools increase awareness of such protection activities?

Useful Expressions

- 1 The importance of protecting endangered languages lies in ...
- 2 Endangered languages are protected due to ...
- 3 To preserve their linguistic heritage, ...
- 4 ... can play a significant role in revitalizing endangered languages.
- 5 ... can help raise awareness about ...

Useful Vocabulary

- maintain linguistic diversity
- promote plurilingualism
- empower indigenous communities
- implement multilingual education
- preserve nearly extinct languages

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Appendix

Useful Expressions for Discussions

Reacting

- I see your point.
- I find that quite interesting [amazing / outstanding / intriguing].
- That's a good [great / key / fundamental] idea.
- Really? I didn't know [wasn't aware of] that.
- Could you please elaborate?
- I'm intrigued. Tell me more.

Giving your opinion

- In my opinion [In my view / From my perspective], ...
- I think [believe / feel / suppose] ...
- My opinion [idea / stance / belief] is that ...
- I'd like to say [express] that ...
- As far as I can see, ...

Giving yourself time to think

- Let me take a moment to think.
- That's an interesting question that requires some thought.
- I've never considered that before.

Asking for clarification

- Could you kindly repeat that?
- Would you mind speaking a bit slower?
- Could you rephrase that, please?
- Can you simplify your explanation?
- Could you clarify what you meant by ...

Agreeing

- I totally [entirely / completely / strongly] agree with you.
- I agree with your idea [opinion / thought / suggestion / proposal].
- I'm in complete agreement.
- I see no objections to that.
- That certainly makes sense to me.
- I'm with you on this.

Disagreeing politely

- I appreciate your point, but I think ...
- I understand your perspective, but in my view, ...
- It's an interesting viewpoint, but I have a different perspective.
- While that may be true, I would argue that ...

Showing importance

- A is important [crucial / significant / essential], because ...
- One crucial factor to consider is ...
- The key focus here is ...
- We must prioritize [put priority on] ... because ...

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The Social Media Challenge

Express Your Opinions on Social Media

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▲ Kevin Systrom



▲ Mike Krieger



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