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## BLENDING LEARNING LESSON

# Five Reasons Why the Internet is Bad!

### Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

- |                   |              |   |
|-------------------|--------------|---|
| 1. go online      | <u>  E  </u> | A. a plan for making money by telling lies                  |
| 2. billion        | _____        | B. (1) have good relationships with people, (2) stay online |
| 3. common         | _____        | C. usual; many people have it or do it                      |
| 4. fire           | _____        | D. to make someone leave a company or job                   |
| 5. face to face   | _____        | E. to use the internet                                      |
| 6. criminal       | _____        | F. a large number (1,000,000,000)                           |
| 7. scam           | _____        | G. for example, a person who steals things                  |
| 8. stay connected | _____        | H. two people together looking at each other                |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Change the forms of verbs and nouns when necessary.

1. More than eight   billion   people live on Earth.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ and use Facebook every day.
3. The police are looking for that man. He is a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I don't like to talk on the phone. I like to talk with people \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I don't trust this email. I think it's a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Thomas couldn't finish his homework. His computer couldn't \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Don't be late for work or your boss might \_\_\_\_\_ you.
8. It is \_\_\_\_\_ nowadays for people to have a cell phone.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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TOPICS: Computers and the Internet

Almost everyone agrees that the internet is a good thing. We use the internet in many ways. We can **go online**<sup>1</sup> and play games, make new friends, and learn new things. More than 4 **billion**<sup>2</sup> people in the world use the internet. However, not everything about the internet is good. Here are five bad things about the internet. First, many people use the internet too much. In the United States, for example, it is **common**<sup>3</sup> for people to use the internet 24 hours each week, or about 3.4 hours each day. In Europe, many people say that the internet is more important than watching TV, having a car, or even getting washed. Some people may not even have the time to use their brains to think for themselves. Second, some people use the internet, at work, for personal reasons. Their boss may **fire**<sup>4</sup> them for this. Third, when people use the internet so much, they may not be healthy because they don't get much exercise. Fourth, many people have "friends" on Facebook, but these may not be real friends. Real friends are usually people you can see **face to face**<sup>5</sup>. Two or three real friends are better than two or three hundred Facebook "friends" that you almost never see. Finally, some people are **criminals**<sup>6</sup>. They are bad people and they use the internet to try to take control of your computer and steal your money. They may also tell you lies to try to **scam**<sup>7</sup> you. Sure, the internet is a great tool, and it's something that we can't live without. However, it's very important to know the bad things about it, not just the good things. Stay safe, and stay happy, while you **stay connected**<sup>8</sup>.



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### How Much Do You Understand?

● *Complete the statements.*

- |                                |                                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Most people agree that      | A. several hours every day.        |
| 2. Many people go online       | B. enough when you go online.      |
| 3. Some people like to use     | C. to steal money and scam people. |
| 4. You may not exercise        | D. may not be real friends.        |
| 5. The friends you have online | E. the internet is a good thing.   |
| 6. Some criminals go online    | F. the internet at work.           |

### Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. How many hours do you go online each day? Is it too much or not enough?
2. Which do you like more: watching TV or going online? Why?
3. Can you think of three more bad things about the internet?

### Write

● *The article says you can play games, make new friends and learn things on the internet. Write four more good things about the internet.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Title "Five Reasons Why the Internet is Bad!"**

**Grammar Focus** Present Simple

**Vocabulary** 290 words  
**A1** words-83% / **A2** words-11% / **B1** words-2% / **offlist**-3%  
**AWL Words** in this text: *computer, finally*  
 Vocabulary Analysis by: *vocabkitchen.com*

**Level** Elementary to Intermediate (CEFR A2 to B1)

**ANSWER KEY Page 1**

● **Vocabulary**

- |      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 1. E | 1. billion        |
| 2. F | 2. go online      |
| 3. C | 3. criminal       |
| 4. D | 4. face to face   |
| 5. H | 5. scam           |
| 6. G | 6. stay connected |
| 7. A | 7. fire           |
| 8. B | 8. common         |

**ANSWER KEY Page 3**

● **Spelling**

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>    | <b>DOWN</b>  |
| 1. agree         | 2. good      |
| 5. go online     | 3. watching  |
| 6. each          | 4. Internet  |
| 8. brain         | 7. friends   |
| 9. healthy       | 10. Facebook |
| 11. steal        | 12. exercise |
| 13. time         | 14. fire     |
| 14. face to face |              |
| 15. people       |              |

Watch the matching video with subtitles!



**ANSWER KEY Page 4**

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. Most people agree that (E) the Internet is a good thing.
2. Many people go online (A) several hours every day.
3. Some people use (F) the internet at work.
4. You may not exercise (B) enough when you go online.
5. The friends you have online (D) may not be real friends.
6. Some criminals go online (C) to steal money and scam people.

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