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Five Reasons Why the Internet is Bad

Vocabulary Preview

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

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|-------------------|----------|---|
| 1. agree (v.) | <u>E</u> | A. to use the Internet |
| 2. go online (v.) | _____ | B. to take something without paying money |
| 3. billion | _____ | C. usual; many people have it or do it |
| 4. common | _____ | D. to make someone leave a company or job |
| 5. fire (v.) | _____ | E. to think another person's idea is good |
| 6. face-to-face | _____ | F. 1,000,000,000 |
| 7. criminal | _____ | G. for example, a person who steals |
| 8. steal (v.) | _____ | H. with another person in the same place |

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

1. More than seven 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 like Susan's idea. I _____ with her.
6. When you _____ things, the police will look for you!
7. Don't be late for work or your boss will _____ you.
8. It is _____ for people to have a cell phone.

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

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2. _____

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Topic: Computers and the Internet

Five Reasons Why the Internet is Bad



Almost everyone **agrees**¹ that the Internet is a good thing. We use the Internet in many ways. We can **go online**² and play games, make new friends, and learn things. More than 4 **billion**³ 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, it is **common**⁴ 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. They may not have the time to use their brains to think. Second, some people use the Internet at work. This makes their boss angry and **fire**⁵ them. 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 people you can see **face-to-face**⁶. Two or three real friends are better than 200 Facebook "friends" that you never see. Finally, some people are **criminals**⁷. They are bad people and they use the Internet to try to **steal**⁸ your money.

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How Much Do You Understand?

● **Complete the statements.**

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Most people agree that | A. too much. |
| 2. Many people go online | B. when you go online. |
| 3. Some people like to use | C. to steal money. |
| 4. You don't exercise so much | 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?
2. Which do you like more: watching TV or going online? Why?
3. Can you think of more bad things about the Internet?

Write

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Lesson "Five Reasons Why the Internet is Bad"

Grammar Focus Present Simple

Vocabulary 213 words
A1 words-86% / **A2** words-9% / **B1** words-1%
AWL Words in this text: *finally*
 Vocabulary Analysis by: *vocabkitchen.com*



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ANSWER KEY Page 1

● **Vocabulary**

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

ANSWER KEY Page 3

● **Spelling**

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|------------------|--------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 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 | |

ANSWER KEY Page 4

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. Most people agree that the Internet is a good thing.
2. Many people go online too much.
3. Some people use the Internet at work.
4. You don't exercise so much when you go online.
5. The friends you have online may not be real friends.
6. Some criminals go online to steal money.



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