

Social Media

Discussion Topic Pack

A warm-up, vocabulary, and graded discussion questions for talking about **Social Media**.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____ Score _____

Warm-up: What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word "social media"?

1 · Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
post	to share a message, photo, or video online	<i>I usually post a photo of my lunch on Instagram.</i>
like	to show approval of something online by clicking a button	<i>She likes the funny video her friend shared.</i>
follow	to subscribe to someone's updates on a platform	<i>He decided to follow a travel blogger for inspiration.</i>
trend	a popular style or activity that many people are doing	<i>The new dance challenge became a trend on TikTok.</i>
viral	spreading quickly and widely on the internet	<i>The cat video went viral and got millions of views.</i>
privacy	the right to keep personal information secret	<i>She changed her settings to protect her privacy.</i>
filter	a tool that changes the appearance of a photo or video	<i>I added a bright filter to my selfie before posting.</i>
influence	the power to affect people's thoughts or actions	<i>Celebrities have a big influence on fashion choices.</i>

2 · Discussion Questions

Take turns asking and answering — try to give a full answer, not just yes or no.

- 1 What social media platform do you use most often?
- 2 How many minutes a day do you spend on social media?
- 3 Who do you usually follow on social media?
- 4 What kind of posts do you like to share?
- 5 Have you ever posted something you later regretted?
- 6 How do you decide which friends to accept or follow?
- 7 Do you think social media helps you stay connected with friends?
- 8 What are some positive effects of social media on society?
- 9 What are some negative effects of social media on mental health?
- 10 If you could change one thing about social media, what would it be and why?

3 · Extension

Try this: Role-play: One student is a social-media manager presenting a new privacy policy to users, and the other student is a concerned user asking questions about how the changes will protect their personal data.