

100% Sheet Social Media

Key Terms

Social media-websites and apps that allow users to create and share content or take part in social networking.

Trolling- posting offensive comments on social media sites. The comments are often racist, homophobic or sexist. The people who make these comments are trying to be disrespectful.

Crime- Behaviour that is against the law. If you are found guilty of committing a crime then you could go to prison.

Sexting- Sending sexual messages to people. It is illegal to do this if you are under 18.

Blocking/blocked- Changing the settings on your social media pages so that selected people are unable to see what you post.

Cyber-bullying- When people are bullied by people who they socialise with online. This could be done by leaving horrible comments on social media pages or by being mean through texts/What's app.

Social media Global social media use

Not every country in the world allows its citizens to use social media. Some people think this is a **good thing** as it means that **citizens do not become obsessed with social media** and some people think this is a **bad thing** as it is a way to **control people and the information that they have access to**.



What are the dangers of social media?

Although social media is a great way for people to stay connected, it can be dangerous if it is not used correctly.

One of the main problems is that a lot of people spend **too much time online**. This can have an impact on a range of things from someone's ability to sleep to the quality of work that they are able to produce at school.

Another issue is that people can become **obsessed** with how many likes that they get. This can cause a person to create a fake social media life just so that they can become popular.

Finally some people can display **negative behaviour online** and may **cyber bully or troll** people. This can have **devastating consequences** with some people becoming depressed or even committing suicide over things that have been said about them online.



Common questions about social media

Question	Answer
Can anyone legally open a social media page?	No. Most social media sites have age limits. For example you need to be 13 to have accounts with Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram.
Is sending sexual pictures of yourself illegal?	If you are under 18 sending sexual pictures of yourself is illegal , even if you are sending them to your boyfriend or girlfriend.
Could I go to prison for something that I have said online?	Yes. Making racist, homophobic or sexist comments is illegal . The police treat trolling very seriously and you could get punished for poor behaviour that you display online.

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