

# #ESTUDOEMCASA

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DISCIPLINA Inglês

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 ÁREA(S) DE CONHECIMENTO  
 APRENDIZAGENS ESSENCIAIS/PERFIL DOS ALUNOS

**Área temática/situacional: Meios de comunicação**
**Competência comunicativa:**
**Compreensão escrita:** Ler textos, de alguma complexidade, escritos em linguagem clara e corrente; compreender textos factuais sobre assuntos de interesse pessoal ou cultural.

**Produção escrita:** escrever sobre os temas da atualidade estudados.

**Competência Estratégica:**

Pensar criticamente: seguir um pensamento mais elaborado, esforçando-se por expressar a sua opinião sobre os temas estudados.

**Competência Intercultural:**

Reconhecer realidades interculturais distintas: conhecer universos culturais diversificados.

## *How much sharing is oversharing?*

**Read the text:**
**LOL, IDK, OMG: Teens and Social Media Platforms**

9 ano(s)

### **Popular Social Media Platforms**

In addition to popular sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat, there are hundreds of others that appeal to specific groups or are used in other parts of the world, like LinkedIn, YouTube, WhatsApp, Reddit and Pinterest. In the United States, Facebook is still the most popular social media platform with seven out of ten 13 to 17-year-olds using it. Instagram is the second most popular, used by 51 percent of teens, and Snapchat is third, with 41 percent of teens using it. Mobile devices like smartphones, laptops and tablets make the internet and social media easily accessible to teens.

### **Teens' Attraction to Social Media**

Teenagers say that maintaining existing friendships is one of the most common reasons for using social media. As today's teens grow up, they view social media as an online place to "hang out" and connect with friends around mutual interests. Teens are growing up in a world where people become celebrities through reality shows on television or a viral social media post. Schools, universities, news agencies and companies all have presences on social media. With so many people and organizations using social media, teens consider accessing social media a necessity to stay informed.

### **When Social Media is Harmful**

Frequent social media use among teens has been linked to poor academic performance and other potential negative consequences:

- Personal information can get in the hands of strangers and produce unintended negative results.
- Frequent users have higher rates of internet addiction, depression, low self-esteem and eating disorders.
- Social media exposes adolescents to alcohol marketing and information about the experiences of alcohol use by peers. This may normalize alcohol consumption and persuade teens to try alcohol. This may apply to other risk-taking behaviors such as smoking and other substance use.
- Teens can experience cyberbullying on social media.

**A. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.**

1. **Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat are ...**  
(A) the only popular sites.  
(B) popular social media platforms.  
(C) only for specific groups.
2. **The second most popular social media platform in the USA is ...**  
(A) Snapchat.  
(B) Instagram.  
(C) Facebook.
3. **Forty-one percent of American teenagers use ...**  
(A) Snapchat.  
(B) Instagram.  
(C) Facebook.
4. **Nowadays, people become celebrities through ...**  
(A) reality shows on social media.  
(B) talk shows on TV.  
(C) popular social media posts.
5. **The frequent use of social media platforms may lead to ...**  
(A) bad results at school.  
(B) great marks at school.  
(C) bullying at school.
6. **Teenagers who use social media frequently have higher risk of becoming ...**  
(A) addicted to gaming.  
(B) bullies.  
(C) depressed.

**B. Answer the questions. Give complete answers.**

1. Which are the devices that make social media more accessible to teenagers?  
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2. What do most teens use social media for?  
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3. Why do teens consider that accessing social media is necessary to stay informed?  
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**C. Write a short text (50-90 words) about teenagers and social media. You can answer the following questions:**

- Which social media platforms do you use?
- How much time do you spend on social media?
- Is social media important in your life? Why?
- What are the positive/negative aspects of social media?