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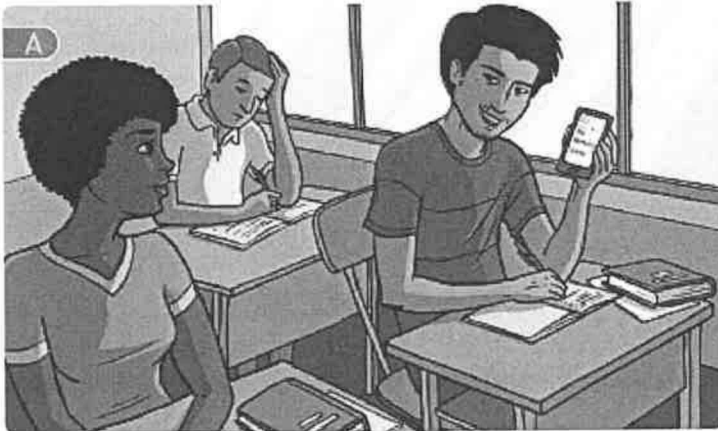
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Look at the pictures and discuss.





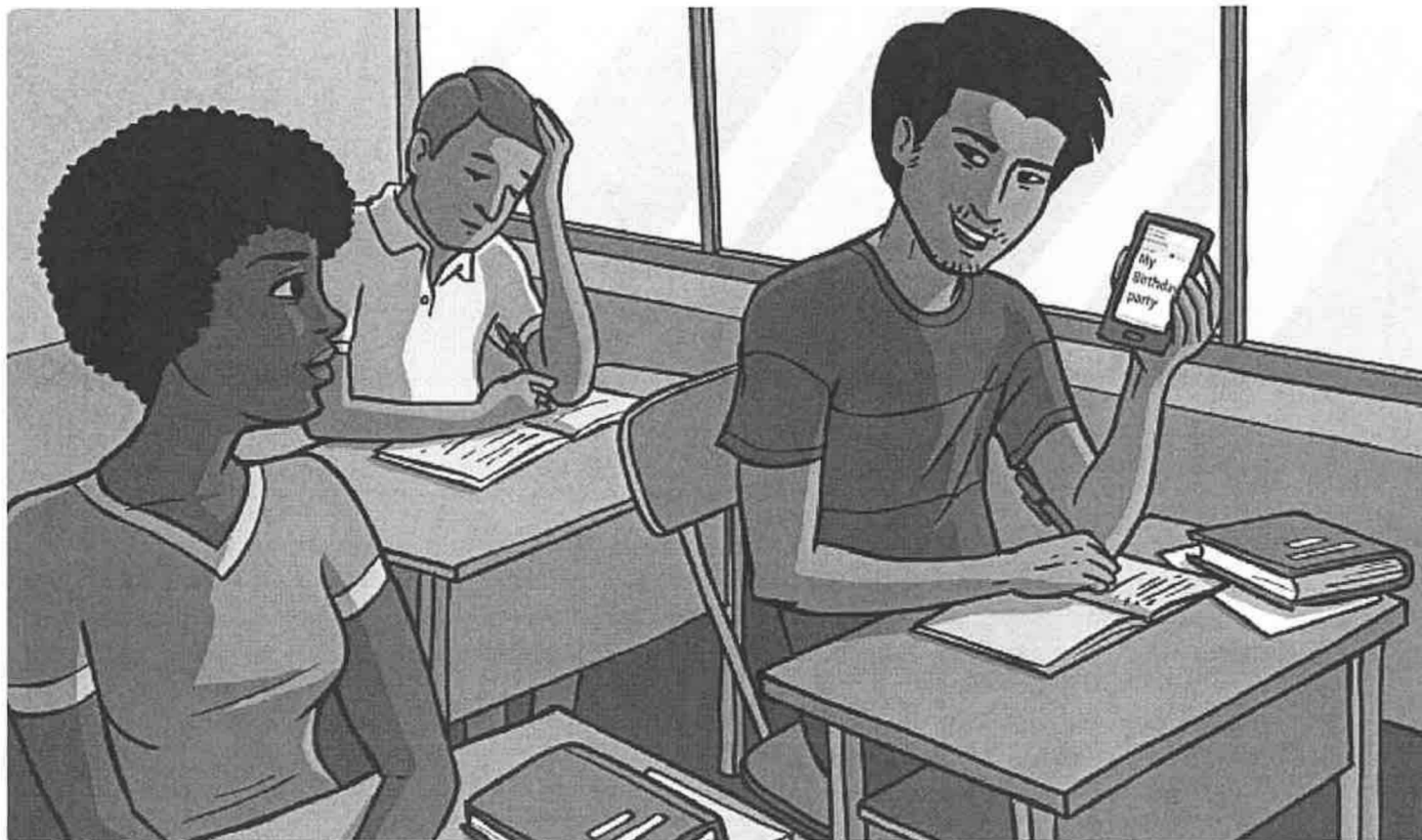
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Listen and read.



Michael: Are you going to Sarah's party next week?

Gaby: What party? I didn't get an invitation.

Michael: Sarah sent everyone an email about it. Check your email!



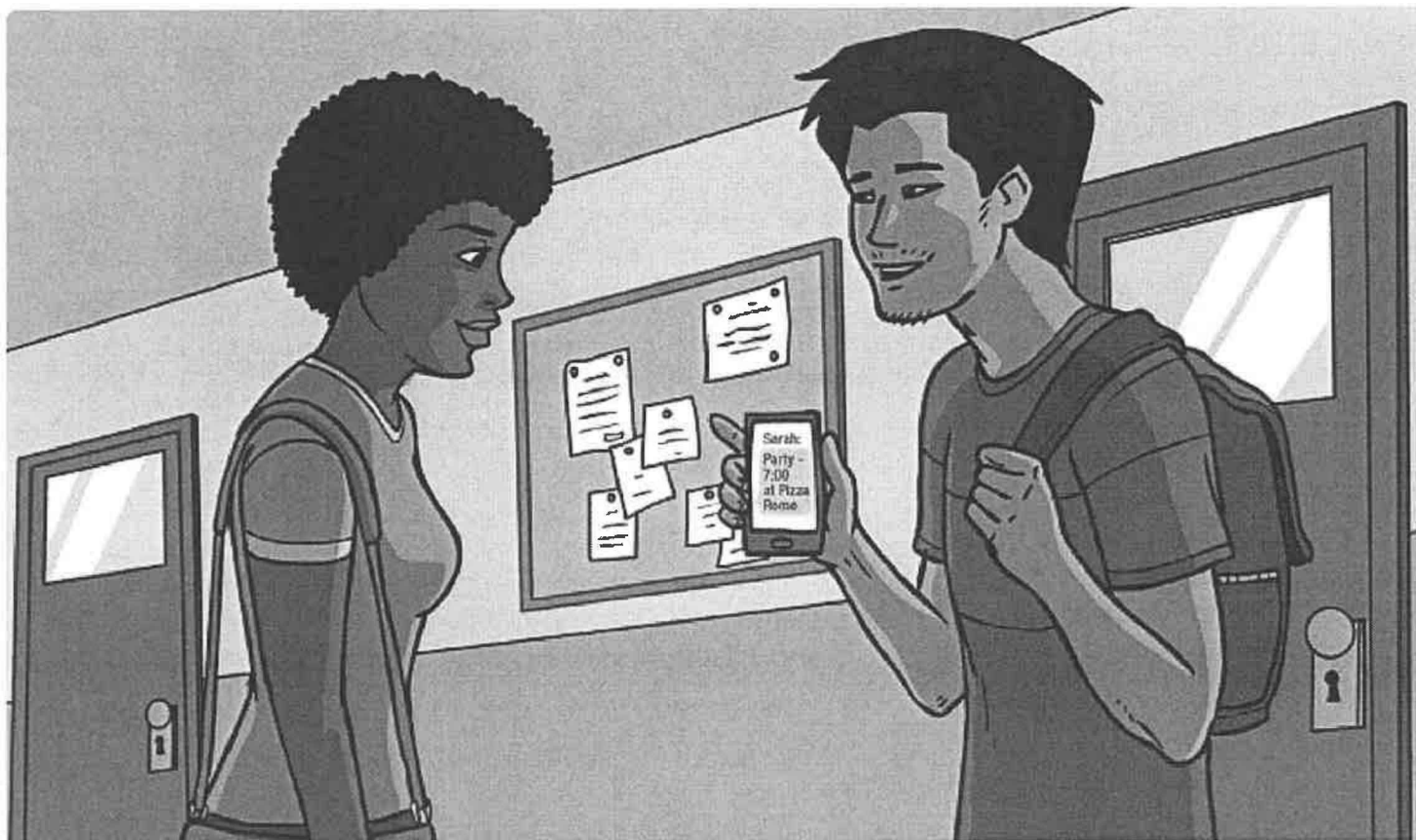
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Listen and read.



Michael: Did you get Sarah's IM?

Gaby: No! My phone is off. What did it say?

Michael: The party is at Pizza Rome.



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Michael: Did you see the pictures from the party last night?

Gaby: Yeah, I just saw them online!



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Choose the correct answers to name some of the ways people communicate with each other.

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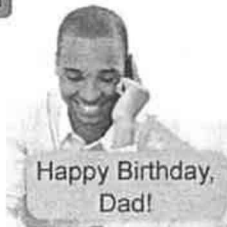
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- ☐ b. a birthday card
- ☐ c. a text message
- ☐ d. an email

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send

short

Subject:

usually

Read and listen to the words and phrases. Then do the activity below.

Choose five words or phrases from the list. In your notebook, write a sentence about yourself using each word or phrase.

For example:

I usually send emails in the evening.



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Match the words to their meanings.

1 email

2 person

3 instant

4 opinion

5 subject

6 right away

7 short

☐

a. not long

☐

b. what someone thinks about something

☐

c. messages you send from one computer to another

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d. happening very quickly

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e. someone

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f. what something is about

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g. now



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Tell your partner the following things.

1. ONE thing people can write a review about.

2. TWO ways you usually communicate with family and friends.

3. THREE people you write emails or IMs to.

4. FOUR things you can do online.

5. FIVE things you can do quickly.



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laugh

often

out loud

post

profile

profile page

save time

short form

social networking site

upload a photo

Read and listen to the words and phrases. Then do the activity below.

Look at the categories below. Find words or phrases from the list that fit into the categories and write them in your notebook. Then compare with a partner.

For example:

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

upload a photo

WRITING INSTANT MESSAGES

save time



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Match the words to their definitions.

1 friend

2 profile

3 favorite

4 often

5 out loud

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a. not quietly

☐

b. invite someone to be your friend

☐

c. best loved

☐

d. details and personal information

☐

e. many times



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Choose the correct answers. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

1. Do you use a social networking

- ☐ a. site
☐ b. form

2. How do you in touch with your family and friends?

- ☐ a. post
☐ b. keep

3. Do you know how to a photo online?

- ☐ a. upload
☐ b. friend

4. Do you ever use the forms of words to save time?

- ☐ a. short
☐ b. favorite

5. What do you think people put on their pages?

- ☐ a. networking
☐ b. profile



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Listen to the recording. Then read the sentences. What does each one describe? Choose *IM*, *email*, or *online review*. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. It's a way to communicate online. **IM / email / online review**
2. You can send to one person or many. **IM / email / online review**
3. It's usually short messages. **IM / email / online review**
4. You usually get an answer right away. **IM / email / online review**
5. It's longer than IM. **IM / email / online review**
6. Anyone can read it. **IM / email / online review**
7. You can post an opinion. **IM / email / online review**



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FriendCircuit

Miguel's Profile**Miguel Ortega****About****From:** Havana, Cuba**Lives in:** Miami, Florida**Works at:** B&B Books**Went to:** Miami Senior High School**Favorites****TV Shows:** *Life at Home, Monday Mysteries***Books:** *Danger Town, Baseball's Best Hitters***Music:** Blue Camp Band**Movies:** *The Danville Robbery*

Listen to the recording. Then answer the question.

What can you do on a social networking site? Choose the correct answers.

- ☐ a. communicate online
- ☐ b. send emails
- ☐ c. friend people
- ☐ d. post messages
- ☐ e. IM
- ☐ f. upload photos
- ☐ g. read an online review
- ☐ h. see your friends' photos



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USING SHORT FORMS OF WORDS

People often keep in touch by sending instant messages on their cell phones. When people write instant messages, they often use short forms of the words. This saves time. Here are some examples:

- cu = see you*
- lol = laugh out loud*
- ily = I love you*
- y = why*
- cuz = because*
- u = you*

Learn these short forms and use them in your messages.

Read the text. Below are some more short forms that people use in text messages. Drag the short forms to their meanings.

xoxo ttyl brb np gtg gr8

1. gotta go

2. talk to you later

3. no problem

4. be right back

5. hugs and kisses

6. great



Read the IMs between Sofia and her husband, Jorge. Copy them into your notebook, using the long form and correct capitalization.

Sofia: when will u be home?

Jorge: at 10.

Sofia: y so late?

Jorge: cuz I have lots of work. do u want to bring me dinner?

Sofia: i'm also working late.

Jorge: ok.

Sofia: cu at 10.

Jorge: ok. ily.

Sofia: ily2.

INTRODUCING THE TOPIC

Name: _____

- 1 Valeria's grandmother sent her a present for her birthday. With a partner discuss how you think Valeria will thank her.

Dear Grandma,
Thank you so much for the birthday present you sent me.
It's beautiful!
All my love,
Valeria

send her a note

Hello, Grandma? This is Valeria. I wanted to thank you for the beautiful birthday present you sent me.

phone her

From: Valeria Martinez
To: Carmen Diaz
Subject: Thank you

Hi Grandma,
Love the sweater you sent for my birthday! Great color!
Thanks so much,
Valeria

send her an email

Thx so much grandma!
Love it! :)
Valeria

send her a text message

I think Valeria will phone her. Her grandmother might not have a computer.

- 2 Here are some ways that people can communicate. Which of them do you use? Check (✓). Then share your answers with a partner.

- ☐ 1. I make phone calls.
- ☐ 2. I send messages on my phone.
- ☐ 3. I write letters and send them in the mail.
- ☐ 4. I send emails.
- ☐ 5. I send cards or thank you notes.

VOCABULARY 1

Name: _____

1 Circle the correct answers.

1. Maybe Maria would like to come too. Let's **communicate** / **IM** her.
2. Was the movie good? You can **post an opinion** / **answer an email** here.
3. Can you come tomorrow? Please **answer this email** / **post an opinion** soon.
4. Please IM me **usually** / **right away**. I need an answer now!
5. I usually try to answer my emails **quickly** / **online**.
6. Instant messages are usually **short** / **different**.
7. You can send an **email** / **online review** to one person or to many people.
8. If you want to know what the email is about, look at the **message** / **subject**.

2 Put a check (✓) next to ALL the correct answers.

1. ☒ **answer** ☐ **communicate** ☒ **send an email**
2. ☐ **answer** ☐ **post** ☐ **send an opinion**
3. **communicate by** ☐ **email** ☐ **instant messaging** ☐ **online review**
4. **send an email to** ☐ **different people** ☐ **one person** ☐ **many people**
5. **answer** ☐ **quickly** ☐ **right away** ☐ **instant**

3 Solve the riddles.

email • instant message • online review

WHAT AM I?

1. I'm short. You see me right away. You can answer quickly.
I'm an _____.
2. Do you have an opinion? You can post it here.
I'm an _____.
3. Do you want to send a letter without going out of the house? Send me!
I'm an _____.

VOCABULARY 2

Name: _____

1a Match A to B to form phrases.

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|------------|----------|---------------|
| 1. profile | — | a. loud |
| 2. social | — | b. photos |
| 3. upload | — | c. time |
| 4. out | — | d. networking |
| 5. short | — | e. in touch |
| 6. save | <u>1</u> | f. page |
| 7. keep | — | g. form |

1b Fill in the sentences with the phrases from Exercise 1a.

- People can learn a lot about you from your profile page.
- It's easy to _____ with friends on a social networking site.
- Facebook is a _____ site.
- Did you take pictures on your trip? _____ and share them with your friends.
- The _____ of *do not* is *don't*.
- You can _____ by using short forms in your emails.
- The movie is so funny that you'll laugh _____.

2 Some words can be nouns or verbs. Read the sentences. Write N if the bold word is a noun and V if the bold word is a verb.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. a. You can post a message on your profile page. ____ | 3. a. I don't have time to answer this email now. ____ |
| b. Did you read Andrea's post ? ____ | b. Do it quickly – I'm going to time you. ____ |
| 2. a. Fernando is my friend . ____ | 4. a. You'll laugh when you hear this. ____ |
| b. You can friend him on FriendCircuit. ____ | b. Kim has a nice laugh . ____ |

3a Answer the questions about yourself.

- How often do you go to the movies?

- What's your favorite movie?

- How do you keep in touch with your friends?

- How often do you send emails?

3b Ask and answer the questions from Exercise 3a with a partner.

How often do you go to the movies?

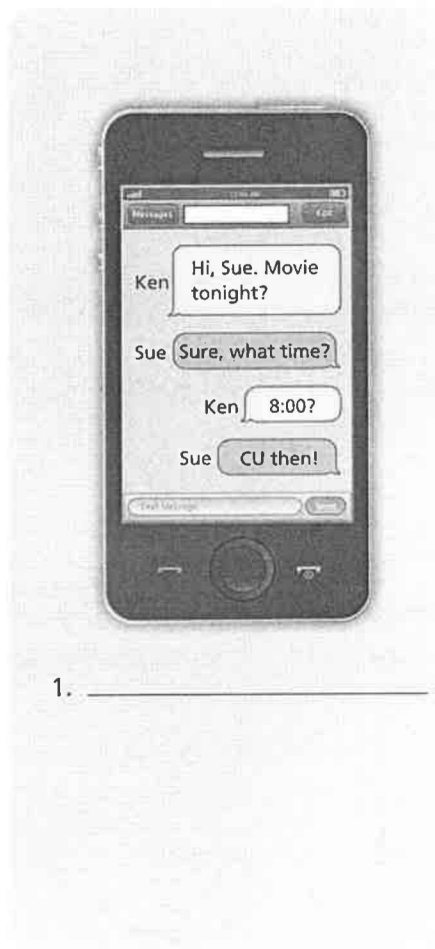
I go to the movies ...

PRESENTING

Name: _____

1a Label the pictures.

email • online review • instant message



1b Describe the pictures in Exercise 1a. Use the sentences below to help you.

- You can send it to one person or to many people.
- Anyone can read them.
- It's usually short.
- You can see the subject.
- People usually answer quickly.
- People don't always answer right away.
- People can see it right away.
- It's often longer than an instant message.
- People post their opinions.

Picture 1 is ...

2 What do these short forms mean? Choose 4 and explain their meaning.

- lol
- u
- ily
- y
- cuz
- cu

lol means laugh out loud.