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Facebook "selfies" can harm relationships

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THE ARTICLE

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Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2392610/Could-selfies-spell-social-suicide-Oversharing-photos-face-make-unpopular-real-life-friends.html#ixzz2c7VRmgk8>
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/13/too-many-facebook-photos-study_n_3749053.html?utm_hp_ref=mostpopular
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selfie>

WARM-UPS

1. SELFIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about selfies. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

study / social networks / relationships / photograph / photo sharing / close friends / Wikipedia / popularity / buzzword / shocked / control / flattering / supportive / opposite

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. RULES: What "rules" should there be about uploading photos on Facebook? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Photos of...	Dos and Don'ts	Why?
yourself		
babies		
cats/kittens		
holidays		
food		
parties		

4. FACEBOOK: Students A **strongly** believe Facebook makes relationships stronger; Students B **strongly** believe the exact opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. PHOTOS: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put what you like photographing most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- yourself
- flowers
- sights
- beaches
- your family
- people
- food
- your hobby

6. SOCIAL NETWORK: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'social network'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130818-selfies.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. An American study looked at the phenomena of selfies posted online. T / F
- b. A study says posting selfies on Facebook does no harm. T / F
- c. Researchers looked at the relationships of 508 people. T / F
- d. The study suggested close friends are OK with looking at selfies. T / F
- e. "Selfie" was Time magazine's word of the year in 2012. T / F
- f. The research won't surprise people who upload lots of selfies. T / F
- g. People like selfies because they can control how they look in the photo. T / F
- h. People think others will like the photos of themselves they upload. T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. study | a. attraction |
| 2. risk | b. too much |
| 3. genre | c. always |
| 4. excessive | d. meant |
| 5. constantly | e. jeopardize |
| 6. rise | f. report |
| 7. appeal | g. encouraging |
| 8. intended | h. complimentary |
| 9. flattering | i. category |
| 10. supportive | j. increase |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. risk damaging their | a. held at arm's length |
| 2. a genre of self- | b. opposite is true |
| 3. with a camera | c. share photos of themselves |
| 4. excessive | d. popularity of selfies |
| 5. those who constantly | e. photo sharing |
| 6. the rise in | f. buzzwords of 2012 |
| 7. among its top 10 | g. real-life relationships |
| 8. The appeal | h. image of the person |
| 9. present a flattering | i. portrait photograph |
| 10. research may suggest the exact | j. of selfies |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130818-selfies.html>

A study from the U.K. indicates that people who (1) _____ too many "selfies" (photos of themselves) on Facebook and similar social networks (2) _____ damaging their real-life relationships. Wikipedia says a selfie is "a (3) _____ of self-portrait photograph...typically taken either with a camera held at arm's (4) _____ or in a mirror." The report, from Birmingham University, analysed the (5) _____ of these photos on the relationships of 508 participants. The study found that (6) _____ photo sharing and sharing certain types of photos makes almost everyone like you less. Head researcher Dr David Houghton said: "People, (7) _____ than very close friends and relatives, don't seem to relate well to those who (8) _____ share photos of themselves."

excessive

risk

other

length

post

constantly

genre

impact

Wikipedia explains the (9) _____ in popularity of selfies. It says: "In December 2012, Time magazine noted that selfie was among its top 10 (10) _____ of 2012." Celebrities such as singers Rihanna and Justin Bieber are famous for (11) _____ hundreds of pics of themselves. Many people who post selfies will be surprised, perhaps (12) _____, by the Birmingham research. Wikipedia explains: "The (13) _____ of selfies comes from...the control they give self-photographers over how they present themselves. Many selfies are intended to present a (14) _____ image of the person, especially to friends whom the photographer (15) _____ to be supportive. The research may suggest the (16) _____ opposite is true.

appeal

expects

buzzwords

exact

uploading

rise

flattering

shocked

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130818-selfies.html>

- 1) Facebook and similar _____
 - a. socialise network
 - b. social networks
 - c. socially networks
 - d. social network
- 2) taken either with a camera held _____ or...
 - a. at arm's length
 - b. at arm's long
 - c. at arm's lengthy
 - d. at arm's lengthier
- 3) analysed the impact of these photos on the relationships _____
 - a. of 508 participant
 - b. of 508 participates
 - c. of 508 participate
 - d. of 508 participants
- 4) excessive photo sharing and sharing _____ photos
 - a. certainly types of
 - b. certain type of
 - c. certain types of
 - d. certainly type of
- 5) People, other than very close friends and relatives, don't _____
 - a. seem to related well
 - b. seem to relates well
 - c. seem to relate well
 - d. seem to relayed well
- 6) Time magazine noted that selfie was among its top 10 _____
 - a. buzzword of 2012
 - b. biz-words of 2012
 - c. buzz worlds of 2012
 - d. buzzwords of 2012
- 7) The appeal of selfies comes from...the control they give _____
 - a. shelve-photographers
 - b. shelf-photographers
 - c. self-photographers
 - d. surf-photographers
- 8) Many selfies are intended to present _____
 - a. a fluttering image
 - b. a flittering image
 - c. a flattering image
 - d. a flattening image
- 9) ...especially to friends whom the photographer expects _____
 - a. to be support it
 - b. to be support if
 - c. to be supportive
 - d. to be sport if
- 10) The research may suggest _____ is true
 - a. the exact opposite
 - b. the extant opposite
 - c. the exult opposite
 - d. the extract opposite

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130818-selfies.html>

1. Who risks damaging their real-life relationships?

2. What genre of photograph is a selfie?

3. Who do people usually hold the camera for a selfie?

4. How many people took part in the research?

5. Who doesn't mind looking at selfies?

6. What accolade did Time magazine give the word "selfie"?

7. Who is famous for uploading hundreds of selfies?

8. What is the appeal of selfies?

9. What kind of images do people want from selfies?

10. How are friends expected to be about selfies?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130818-selfies.html>

1. Who risks damaging their real-life relationships?
 - a) photographers
 - b) people who upload self-portraits
 - c) Facebook users
 - d) U.K. researchers
2. What genre of photograph is a selfie?
 - a) digitally-enhanced
 - b) an ego-booster
 - c) non-landscape
 - d) a self-portrait
3. Who do people usually hold the camera for a selfie?
 - a) hand to hand
 - b) shoulder to shoulder
 - c) at arm's length
 - d) by the skin of their teeth
4. How many people took part in the research?
 - a) 508
 - b) 805
 - c) 850
 - d) 580
5. Who doesn't mind looking at selfies?
 - a) researchers
 - b) family and friends
 - c) new Facebook fans
 - d) colleagues
6. What accolade did Time magazine give the word "selfie"?
 - a) one of the 2012 buzzwords
 - b) tech word of the year
 - c) neologism of the decade
 - d) top word for the next decade
7. Who is famous for uploading hundreds of selfies?
 - a) two sports stars
 - b) two supermodels
 - c) two singers
 - d) two actors
8. What is the appeal of selfies?
 - a) control over the image
 - b) colour
 - c) Photoshop
 - d) you can become famous
9. What kind of images do people want from selfies?
 - a) ones that flatter
 - b) ones with fluttering eye lashes
 - c) flattened ones
 - d) flattering ones
10. How are friends expected to be about selfies?
 - a) always press the "Like" icon
 - b) critical
 - c) be supportive
 - d) always share them

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130818-selfies.html>

Role A – Selfie poster

You love taking photos of yourself and uploading them on Facebook. Tell the others three reasons why. You don't understand why people don't like selfies. You think the research in the article is totally untrue. You think everyone should upload hundreds of selfies.

Role B – Researcher

You are worried about people who upload hundreds of selfies. Tell the others three reasons why. You think Facebook should limit the daily number of photos people can upload. You want to set up a help group for selfie posters. Ask the selfie poster to join to recover from his/her illness.

Role C – Facebook owner

You love selfies. Tell the others three reasons why. You're happy if everyone uploads thousands of selfies a day. You think it's great people like themselves and want to share their photos. It makes the world a happier place. Tell the researcher that the exact opposite of the research is true.

Role D – Ex-selfie poster

You used to post thousands of selfies. Now you regret it. Tell the others three reasons why. Warn the selfie poster he/she will lose many friends. Tell the Facebook owner he only wants more people to look at Facebook ads. Tell the researcher the help group is a great idea. Posting selfies is an illness.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130818-selfies.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'social' and 'network'.

social	network
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• indicates• genre• length• impact• less• relate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rise• 10• shocked• control• image• suggest
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SELFIES SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130818-selfies.html>

Write five GOOD questions about selfies in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

SELFIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'photo'?
- c) What do you think about selfies?
- d) How often do you take selfies?
- e) Are selfies a good idea?
- f) Do you get fed up with looking at other people's selfies on Facebook?
- g) Is taking and uploading many selfies a sign of being vain?
- h) Do you think people could like other people less because of selfies?
- i) What's your favourite pose for a photo?

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SELFIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you think constant uploading of selfies could be a form of illness?
- c) What do you think of the word 'selfie'?
- d) Is it OK for celebrities to upload hundreds of selfies?
- e) Is it better to take a selfie or get a friend to take a photo of you?
- f) Do flattering selfies give a false image of a person?
- g) What would you like to say to some?
- h) Do you have a favourite photo of yourself?
- i) What questions would you like to ask the researcher?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) predicates | (b) indicates | (c) inculcates | (d) dedicates |
| 2. | (a) generous | (b) genuine | (c) genie | (d) genre |
| 3. | (a) longest | (b) length | (c) long | (d) longing |
| 4. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) to |
| 5. | (a) certain | (b) sure | (c) positive | (d) strange |
| 6. | (a) other | (b) another | (c) others | (d) the others |
| 7. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) for | (d) in |
| 8. | (a) buzzwords | (b) antonyms | (c) neologism | (d) slang |
| 9. | (a) in | (b) by | (c) so | (d) of |
| 10. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) of | (d) if |
| 11. | (a) flattening | (b) fluttering | (c) flattering | (d) flittering |
| 12. | (a) exactness | (b) exact | (c) exacted | (d) exactly |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a egner of self-portrait
2. lypyctila taken either with a camera...
3. the relationships of 508 isacriatptpn
4. xecesesi photo sharing
5. close friends and sitlreva
6. those who nyslntaoc share photos

Paragraph 2

7. the rise in lpiaurtpyo
8. top 10 zwbzosudr of 2012
9. the paplea of selfies
10. present a aeltfintr image of the person
11. expects to be vppuesrtio
12. the exact ieotspop

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () mirror." The report, from Birmingham University, analysed the impact of these photos on the relationships of 508
- () among its top 10 buzzwords of 2012." Celebrities such as singers Rihanna and Justin Bieber are famous
- () almost everyone like you less. Head researcher Dr David Houghton said: "People, other than very close
- () for uploading hundreds of pics of themselves. Many people who post selfies will be surprised,
- () perhaps shocked, by the Birmingham research. Wikipedia explains: "The appeal of selfies comes from...the control
- () Wikipedia explains the rise in popularity of selfies. It says: "In December 2012, Time magazine noted that selfie was
- () participants. The study found that excessive photo sharing and sharing certain types of photos makes
- () to present a flattering image of the person, especially to friends whom the photographer
- () they give self-photographers over how they present themselves. Many selfies are intended
- () and similar social networks risk damaging their real-life relationships. Wikipedia says a selfie is "a genre
- () of self-portrait photograph...typically taken either with a camera held at arm's length or in a
- () friends and relatives, don't seem to relate well to those who constantly share photos of themselves."
- (**1**) A study from the U.K. indicates that people who post too many "selfies" (photos of themselves) on Facebook
- () expects to be supportive. The research may suggest the exact opposite is true.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. portrait - self of genre a is selfie a says Wikipedia.

2. with held length either camera arm's Taken a at.

3. photos The on impact the of relationships these.

4. photos everyone less of almost you types makes like . Certain

5. themselves of photos share constantly who Those.

6. in Wikipedia popularity explains of the selfies rise.

7. was top of Selfie its buzzwords among 10 2012.

8. uploading themselves hundreds of Famous pics for of.

9. of control selfies comes The from appeal the.

10. opposite may exact true research the is The suggest.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130818-selfies.html>

A study from the U.K. *indicates / dedicates* that people who post too many "selfies" (photos of themselves) *in / on* Facebook and similar social networks risk *damaging / damages* their real-life relationships. Wikipedia says a selfie is "a genre of self-portrait photograph...*typically / typical* taken either with a camera held at *arms / arm's* length or in a mirror." The report, from Birmingham University, analysed the *compact / impact* of these photos on the relationships of 508 participants. The study found that *exclusive / excessive* photo sharing and sharing *certain / sure* types of photos makes almost everyone like you *minus / less*. Head researcher Dr David Houghton said: "People, other than very close friends and relatives, don't seem to *relate / relay* well to those who constantly share photos of themselves."

Wikipedia explains the *raise / rise* in popularity of selfies. It says: "In December 2012, Time magazine *noted / denoted* that selfie was among its top 10 *buzzwords / neologism* of 2012." Celebrities such *as / was* singers Rihanna and Justin Bieber are famous for uploading hundreds of pics of themselves. Many people who post selfies will be *surprising / surprised*, perhaps shocked, by the Birmingham research. Wikipedia explains: "The *appeal / repeal* of selfies comes from...the control they give self-photographers *over / above* how they present themselves. Many selfies are intended to *gift / present* a flattering image of the person, especially to friends whom the photographer *expects / expect* to be supportive. The research may suggest the *exact / exactly* opposite is true.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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__st_dy fr_m th__ .K. __nd_c_t_s th_t p__pl_ wh_ p_st
t__ m_ny "s_lf__s" (ph_t_s_f th_ms_lv_s) _n F_c_b__k
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n_t_d th_t s_lf__w_s __m_ng __ts t_p 10 b_zzw_rds __f
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J_st_n B__b_r_r_f_m__s f_r __pl__d_ng h_ndr_ds __f
p_cs __f th_ms_lv_s. M_ny p__pl_ wh_ p_st s_lf__s w_ll
b__s_rpr_s_d, p_rh_ps sh_ck_d, by th__B_rm_ngh_m
r_s__rch. W_k_p_d__ __xpl__ns: "Th__pp__l_f s_lf__s
c_m_s fr_m...th__c_ntr_l th_y g_v__s_lf-ph_t_gr_ph_rs
__v_r h_w th_y pr_s_nt th_ms_lv_s. M_ny s_lf__s __r__
__nt_nd_d t__pr_s_nt __fl_tt_r_ng __m_g__f th__p_rs_n,
__sp_c__lly t__fr__nds wh_m th__ph_t_gr_ph_r __xp_cts
t__b__s_pp_rt_v__. Th__r_s__rch m_y s_gg_st th____x_ct
__pp_s_t__s tr__.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **selfies** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about selfies. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SELFIES: Make a poster about selfies and social networks. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. RELATIONSHIPS: Write a magazine article about selfies and how they affect relationships. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against selfies.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a mental health expert. Ask him/her three questions about selfies. Give him/her three of your opinions on selfies and how many photos of yourself it's OK to upload. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e F f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. study | a. report |
| 2. risk | b. jeopardize |
| 3. genre | c. category |
| 4. excessive | d. too much |
| 5. constantly | e. always |
| 6. rise | f. increase |
| 7. appeal | g. attraction |
| 8. intended | h. meant |
| 9. flattering | i. complimentary |
| 10. supportive | j. encouraging |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. People who upload many selfless
2. A self-portrait
3. Held at arm's length
4. 508
5. Close friends and relatives
6. It was one of the buzzwords for 2012
7. Rihanna and Justin Bieber
8. The control they give self-photographers
9. Flattering ones
10. Supportive

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)