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Level 0 – 11th December 2025

Teens in Australia banned from social media

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Children under 16 in Australia cannot use social media sites. They cannot open accounts with famous sites like TikTok. Social media companies must make sure all users are 16 or above. Australia will fine them if children access the sites. The companies will check the age of their users. All new users must scan their faces.

Australia's leader said social media harms young minds. He told children to start a new sport or learn a musical instrument. He said they should spend time with family and friends. Children aged 10-15 look at harmful information on eating disorders and suicide. Some children say they will be lonely without social media.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Children under 16 | a. the sites |
| 2. open accounts with famous sites | b. them |
| 3. companies must make | c. faces |
| 4. Australia will fine | d. sure |
| 5. if children access | e. their users |
| 6. The companies will | f. in Australia |
| 7. the age of | g. like TikTok |
| 8. scan their | h. check |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Australia's | a. family and friends |
| 2. social media harms | b. a new sport |
| 3. He told children to start | c. disorders |
| 4. learn a musical | d. harmful information |
| 5. spend time with | e. leader |
| 6. Children aged 10-15 look at | f. will be lonely |
| 7. eating | g. instrument |
| 8. Some children say they | h. young minds |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Children (1) _____ Australia cannot use social media sites. They (2) _____ with famous sites like TikTok. Social media companies (3) _____ all users are 16 or above. Australia (4) _____ if children access the sites. The companies will (5) _____ of their users. All new users must (6) _____.

Australia's leader said social media (7) _____. He told children (8) _____ new sport or (9) _____ instrument. He said they should spend time with (10) _____. Children aged 10-15 look at harmful information (11) _____ and suicide. Some children say they will (12) _____ social media.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SOCIAL MEDIA BANS

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Write five GOOD questions about social media bans 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **social media bans** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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