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**Level 1 – 11th December 2025**

## Teens in Australia banned from social media

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251211-social-media-ban-1.html>

Australia has banned children from using social media sites. New laws say the under-16s cannot open accounts with famous sites like Facebook, TikTok, and YouTube. Social media companies must make sure their users are 16 or above. Australia will fine them up to \$33 million if children access the sites. The companies will use different methods to check the age of their users. New users must upload identification and scan their faces.

Australia's Prime Minister said social media is harming young minds. Most children aged 10-15 who used social media looked at harmful content. This included information on eating disorders and suicide. He told children to start a new sport or learn to play a musical instrument. He said they should spend quality "face-to-face" time with family and friends. Many children will be lonelier without social media. Some say their "right to free communication" has gone.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251211-social-media-ban-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the under-                   | a. of their users      |
| 2. open accounts with famous    | b. 16s                 |
| 3. make sure their users        | c. to \$33 million     |
| 4. Australia will fine them up  | d. faces               |
| 5. companies will use different | e. sites like Facebook |
| 6. check the age                | f. identification      |
| 7. users must upload            | g. methods             |
| 8. scan their                   | h. are 16 or above     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. social media is harming      | a. a new sport          |
| 2. Most children                | b. content              |
| 3. looked at harmful            | c. time                 |
| 4. information on eating        | d. aged 10-15           |
| 5. He told children to start    | e. without social media |
| 6. learn to play a musical      | f. disorders            |
| 7. spend quality "face-to-face" | g. instrument           |
| 8. children will be lonelier    | h. young minds          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Australia (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from using social media sites. New laws say (2) \_\_\_\_\_ cannot open accounts with (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook, TikTok, and YouTube. Social media companies must (4) \_\_\_\_\_ users are 16 or above. Australia will fine them up to \$33 million if children access the sites. The companies will use different methods to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of their users. New users must upload identification and (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Australia's Prime Minister said social media (7) \_\_\_\_\_ minds. Most children aged 10-15 who used social media looked (8) \_\_\_\_\_. This included information (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and suicide. He told children to start a new sport or learn to play (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He said they should spend quality "face-to-(11) \_\_\_\_\_ family and friends. Many children will be lonelier without social media. Some say their "(12) \_\_\_\_\_ communication" has gone.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SOCIAL MEDIA BANS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251211-social-media-ban-4.html>

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251211-social-media-ban-1.html>

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

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