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Posting selfies on social media can be bad

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Posting too many selfies may cause a rise in narcissism, say researchers. Narcissism is selfishness and the belief you are very talented and beautiful. You need attention from others and think you are better than everyone else. Researchers found that big users of social media sites like Facebook showed a 25 per cent rise in narcissism in just four months. The researchers studied how people aged 18 to 34 used social media and looked at how their personality changed. Posting selfies seemed to increase levels of narcissism in a way that text messages do not.

Professor Phil Reed, from Swansea University, said: "There have been suggestions of links between narcissism and the use of [selfies] on social media...but until this study, it was not known if...this] is associated with the...growth in narcissism. The results of this study suggest that...posting selfies can increase narcissism." He said that "about 20 per cent of people may be at risk of developing" narcissism. They want attention and likes from other people after they post a selfie. They also want to show others how their life is better or how they are more attractive.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the belief you are very | a. everyone else |
| 2. You need attention | b. used social media |
| 3. think you are better than | c. from others |
| 4. big users of | d. narcissism |
| 5. a 25 per cent rise in narcissism | e. social media |
| 6. how people aged 18 to 34 | f. changed |
| 7. how their personality | g. talented |
| 8. increase levels of | h. in just four months |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the use of selfies | a. suggest that |
| 2. associated with the growth | b. life is better |
| 3. The results of this study | c. narcissism |
| 4. posting selfies can | d. attractive |
| 5. at risk of developing | e. on social media |
| 6. They want attention and likes | f. increase narcissism |
| 7. show others how their | g. in narcissism |
| 8. how they are more | h. from other people |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SELFIES SURVEY

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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.

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) _____

