

Facing the Facebook addiction

Exercise 79

Find examples of :

- subordinating conjunction
- a prepositional phrase
- a linking verb + adjective
- a non-finite verb/present participle
- an infinitive verb
- parallel phrases
- an indirect object
- a noun/passive clause
- a relative clause
- a dependent clause
- an independent clause
- nominalisation.

Many youngsters are increasingly realising that **their addiction to Facebook** (1) could be costing them good grades and entry into their preferred course at university.

Despite the attraction of the site for its 9.9 billion users, some teenagers are now trying to wean themselves off Facebook **so they can focus on their study** (2).

Queensland teenagers Jemima Connoly and Monica Lee decided **to deactivate** (3) their accounts during their exam period in November **because** (4) Facebook was so distracting.

Kimberley Court, a psychologist with Addiction Recovery, said that dozens of teenagers were trying to break the Facebook habit.

Many teenagers don't realise **that they are hooked by social networking sites** (5), she said.

"It's like an eating disorder. You can't stop eating. The students **who can make better choices and show control** (6) are more likely to succeed," she added.

Michael Antolini, principal at Coolabar Secondary College, said that obsessive students struggled **with poor academic grades**. (7)

"Facebook **is so time-consuming** (8), but it is particularly encouraging when the students recognise the need to exercise some control."

"I had to give **my older sister** (9) access to my password so that she could change it until my exams were finished," said Monica. "It was really hard. **You feel left out; you feel depressed and you feel isolated** (10), but I'm so glad I stuck to it, because my grades ended up better than some of my friends.

"I couldn't have done it without her help. (11)

"And I noticed that my mother wasn't **coming** (12) into my room every half an hour to see whether I was on Facebook or doing my homework. That can be so annoying!"

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1.



June Spring

Does anyone love me?

2.

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Michael Gallios

I AM A COMPLETE Why me?

5.



Gerry de Voss

Back again. It's me. I missed you.

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I missed you two, like a bear with ...

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John Crums

In a relationship for two weeks three hours and five minutes