



Topic

Conversation
for Advanced

Lesson 2
Internet
Friendship

How does friendship start?



Target Language

Introduce the learning goals to the student.

In this lesson, we will learn to talk about **internet friendship**:

- read an article about finding friends on the internet;
- learn words and expressions about internet friendship in the passage;
- share what you think about the good and bad side of the internet.

Key words:

1. omnifarious
2. congregate
3. gregarious
4. propagates
5. intercultural
6. assimilation
7. ubiquitously
8. speculation

Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

People are innately social. We all gravitate towards one another for **omnifarious** reasons. If we don't have an actual reason, we're quite creative in making one. Take for example parties, galas, and other events that encourage us to **congregate**.

Some more proof that we never grow tired of being **gregarious** is the development of online social networking sites and messenger apps. I wouldn't be surprised if Mark Zuckerberg reveals that the reason behind the creation of Facebook is the trusted and proven fact that business **propagates** at a rate that is directly proportional to the number of people. So why not provide a site that'll allow everybody to demonstrate how crazy we are about everybody else? Such a clever guy.

Comprehension Check:

- 1. What situations usually encourage people to meet and socialize?*
- 2. What is the effect of social networking sites, like Facebook, on people?*



Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

Messenger apps and online social networking sites give us the ability to make friends with people from as far as halfway across the world. Isn't it amazing? **Intercultural** exchange and **assimilation** of different customs and traditions are now happening **ubiquitously**. On top of that, incipient advancements in technology may enable us to detect other life forms in our solar system, and eventually, our galaxy. In the future, we'd not only be taking pleasure in making conversations with fellow earthlings, but also with Jedis, Navis, or Kryptonians. Before you know it, you're already sharing your hobbies and interests with a Jedi! Taking things up a notch, by the time all these **speculations** have become a reality, physical teleportation of things might already be one of the features on your messenger app!

Comprehension Check:

- 3. What is the advantage of messenger apps and online social networking sites?*
- 4. What do advancements in technology mean for the future of friendships?*



Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

Internet friends will have been able to send and receive gifts from halfway across the galaxy. What kinds of interesting gifts would they be! The future of internet friendship is indeed something to look forward to.

The internet affords us a future of boundless opportunities for interaction and contact. It transcended our expectations with the emergence of many social networking sites that now serve as venues for us to stay in touch with our friends and be updated on their whereabouts and current preoccupation.

Comprehension Check:

- 5. What are the future possibilities for internet friendships?*
- 6. How has the internet changed people's lifestyles?*



Respond to Reading

Complete the task.

Answer the following questions about the passage.

1. How are online friendships developed?
2. Why is the future of internet friendships worth looking forward to?



Free Talk

List the **benefits** and **dangers** of social media. Then answer the questions.

BENEFITS

DANGERS

- How do we avoid falling into the dangers of social media?
- Is there anything you want to improve about the social media you use?

Summary

Make a summary of the topic you have learned today.

There are friends, there are family, and then there are friends that become family.

- Talk about why we long for friendship. You may use some of the vocabulary you've learned today.



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Your opinions...

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