



Social Media

Should We Love it or Hate it?

How much time a day do you spend on social networking sites? Do you have a favorite site? How many friends do you have on that site? Most teenagers would answer “Lots,” “Yes” and “Many” to these questions. But have you ever thought about whether these sites are good for you? Are they safe? What are you taking by using them? Today I am talking to Natalia and Eddie, two students from Julio Verne secondary school in Veracruz.

Jacaranda: Welcome and thank you for coming to talk to me.

Natalia: Thank you for having us.

J: Natalia, you love your social networking page, don't you?

N: Yes, it's great. It's a perfect way to keep in touch with my friends.

Eddie: I agree, I also like communicating with people that way.

J: But don't you think it can be dangerous?

E: I don't think so. In my opinion, it's very that anything bad could happen.

N: I disagree. I don't think it's so simple. We need to be careful. Some strangers might use our information to rob our houses or to bother us.

J: What would you recommend?

N: Let's see... you shouldn't your full name on it.

E: But how will your friends find you?

N: Your real friends know your nickname, where you live and other personal information.

J: Well, yes, that's true... But are all these people really your friends? Do you know all of them?

N: Hmm... No, some are just friends of my friends.

E: Some just know your name and want to your page.

J: So, can you tell me what else we can do to protect ourselves from unwanted “friends”?

E: I think...

1. Read and complete the chart.

Arguments in favor of social media	Arguments against social media