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Facebook "selfies" can harm relationships

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130818-selfies-4.html>

A study says people who post too many "selfies" on Facebook may harm their real-life relationships. A selfie is a self-portrait, usually taken at arm's length or in a mirror. Britain's Birmingham University looked at how selfies affected people's relationships. Their study found that sharing too many selfies makes many people like you less. Dr David Houghton said only close friends and relatives don't mind those who constantly upload selfies.

Wikipedia says: "In 2012, Time magazine noted that selfie was among its top 10 buzzwords." Celebrities like Rihanna and Justin Bieber are famous for uploading hundreds of selfies. People who post selfies may be shocked by the research. Wikipedia says people like selfies because they can control how they look in the photo. They want to show a flattering image that their friends will like. The research may show that the opposite is true.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2392610/Could-selfies-spell-social-suicide-Oversharing-photos-face-make-unpopular-real-life-friends.html#ixzz2c7VRmgk8>
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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130818-selfies-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. people who post too many | a. arm's length |
| 2. a self- | b. people's relationships |
| 3. taken at | c. upload selfies |
| 4. how selfies affected | d. "selfies" on Facebook |
| 5. only close friends and | e. portrait |
| 6. those who constantly | f. relatives don't mind |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. among its top 10 | a. their friends will like |
| 2. famous for uploading | b. by the research |
| 3. shocked | c. is true |
| 4. they can control how they | d. buzzwords |
| 5. a flattering image that | e. hundreds of selfies |
| 6. the opposite | f. look in the photo |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A study says people (1) _____ "selfies" on Facebook may harm their (2) _____. A selfie is a self-portrait, usually taken (3) _____ in a mirror. Britain's Birmingham University looked at how selfies affected (4) _____. Their study found that (5) _____ selfies makes many people like you less. Dr David Houghton said only close friends and (6) _____ those who constantly upload selfies.

Wikipedia says: "In 2012, Time magazine (7) _____ was among its (8) _____." Celebrities like Rihanna and Justin Bieber are famous (9) _____ of selfies. People who post selfies may (10) _____ the research. Wikipedia says people like selfies because they can control (11) _____ the photo. They want to show a flattering image (12) _____ will like. The research may show that the opposite is true.

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

