

## Part 1



## READING

A

Read the texts on new teen generations.



## Social networking

If you're not on a social website, you do not exist (you are ICT-dead). There are people called digital refugees who want to escape from the new era and who prefer to be isolated from the e-world. But most of us just go with the flow, especially all those digital natives who were born into this world of modern technology. Social networking finds old friends for you and uploads your pictures for the world to see that you are a valuable human being. Still, you can have thousands of online friends, but when you need help you will realise that you lack real ones.

## Cyber bullying

The Internet has its dark side, too. Many teenagers are becoming victims of a new kind of abuse called cyber bullying. It's something that can go on 24/7 via the Internet or mobile phones. If somebody puts photos of you or personal information about you, on line, you can be humiliated, and the embarrassment continues in real life. Bullies can hide under false accounts, and they are hard to fight. The victims of cyber bullying often get very nervous when receiving a new e-mail, and soon they stop using their mobile phones and the Internet. They also avoid their classmates and turn silent.

B

Complete the definitions with words from Task A. Make any necessary changes.

- 1 People who leave their home because of war are r\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 If you do what other people do, you go with the f\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 If you do not have something that you need, you l\_\_\_\_\_ it.
- 4 If you treat someone badly in order to do them harm, it's called a\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 If you publish your photos and videos online, you u\_\_\_\_\_ them.



## SPEAKING

C

Answer the questions. Discuss in class.

## Which-questions

- Which information from the texts do you find the most surprising?
- Which text tells you that real friends are hard to find?
- Which text tells you about a new kind of abuse among teenagers?

## What do you think?

- Silent teenagers are those who have problems.
- We can't live without modern technology.
- There are ways of fighting cyber bullying.



## Part 2

## WORDSPOT

## A Read the most common abbreviations used in texting.

aka = also known as  
asap = as soon as possible  
b4 = before  
b4n = bye for now  
btw = by the way  
cul8er = See you later!  
f2f = face to face  
gf = girlfriend  
icbw = I could be wrong

lmk = let me know  
pls = please  
ruok = Are you OK?  
fyi = for your information  
bday = birthday  
gr82cu = Great to see  
you!just4u = just for you  
lol = laughing out loud  
brb = be right back

omg = Oh, my God!  
g2g = got to go  
coz = because  
thx = thanks  
idk = I don't know.  
dunno = I don't know.  
y = why  
2nite = tonight

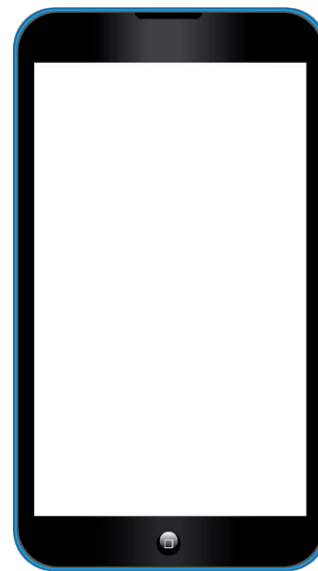
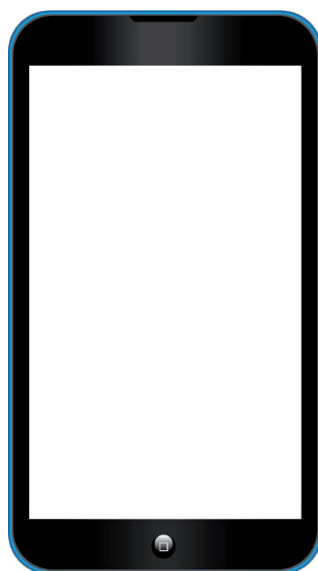
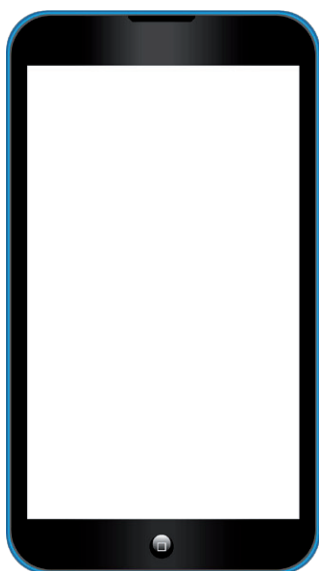


## SPEAKING

## B Talk about yourself! Discuss in class.

- 1 Which abbreviations in Task A have you come across? Where did you notice them?
- 2 Which abbreviations in text messages do you use or would you use?
- 3 How often do you send text messages, and to whom?
- 4 What do you usually write about?

## C Write three text messages to your best friend using abbreviations from Task A.



## HOMEWORK

Write about the advantages (good points) and disadvantages (bad points) of using the Internet. Write 80-90 words. Topic: *The Internet: friend or foe?*

# Teen World

<b>Worksheet</b>	<b>Teen World</b>
<b>Years</b>	7/8
<b>Topic</b>	New teen trends
<b>Key language</b>	Teenagers and new technological trends, texting language (abbreviations)
<b>Aims</b>	Reading, speaking and writing about social networking, cyber bullying, the Internet and text messaging. Recycling the language of modern technology.
<b>Duration</b>	45 minutes
<b>Procedure</b>	<p><b>Part 1</b></p> <p>Ss read about social networking and cyber bullying. Then they do the vocabulary and speaking tasks.</p> <p><b>Part 2</b></p> <p>Ss get the list of the most common abbreviations used in texting among teenagers. They make comments about them and talk about their own experience.</p> <p>In Task C, Ss have to write two text messages using abbreviations from the table and ask their partner to decipher them.</p>
<b>References</b>	None.
<b>Correlation</b>	Health Education and Citizenship Education
<b>Homework</b>	Ss will write an essay about the advantages/disadvantages of using the Internet. They need to follow the guidelines from the worksheet.
<b>Answer key</b>	<p><b>Part 1</b></p> <p><b>B 1</b> refugees, <b>2</b> flow, <b>3</b> lack, <b>4</b> abuse, <b>5</b> uploads</p>