



Social Networking Advantages and Disadvantages from the Mouths of Teenagers

Advantages	Disadvantages
"I can be anyone I want online."	"Anyone online can try to be me."
"I am freer online. My parents aren't watching my every move."	"Creepy treehouses is what I call adults who 'stalk' me on the Internet."
"I could become famous – the next YouTube sensation!"	"Now that we are broken up I hope my boyfriend doesn't post that naked photo I texted him last month."
"I have to use twitter to keep up with what my favorite celebrities are doing."	"Sometimes weirdos and perverts contact me online."
"I practice ways of writing online that are important for my future career."	"My writing online is not as professional as my teachers want it to be."
"My profile shows how creative I can be with my own artwork and designs."	"My creativity can get me in trouble if I don't respect copyright."
"It is free to publish my stories, videos and artwork online."	"What I post online never disappears."
"Online I have lots of friends and I'm super popular."	"Other kids use my online profile and IM to spread mean stuff about me."
"I can keep up with what all my friends are doing all the time."	"Colleges and employers are watching what I do with my friends online."
"I know more about the Internet than my parents or my teachers do."	"Parents and teachers don't understand how important technology is to me."
"I like the challenge of figuring out new stuff to do online."	"I get into stuff online so much that I can get distracted from my homework."
"I can stay in touch with friends from everywhere through all kinds of media."	"Strangers can copy my photos and do whatever they want with them."
"I feel like I'm always connected to my friends and the world."	"Always being 'connected' means I sometimes don't know about what happens in the 'real' world."