

1. Read the text ,The MySpace Age'

2. Find the pros and cons about social networking sites. Use the following words:

same	friendship	communicate	competition	possibilities
personal	virtual	advertising	customers	share

Pros

- Sites offer many _____
- Help companies to find out potential _____
- You can find people with the _____ interests.
- It's a fun way to _____ and to _____ photos.

Cons

- Sites change the nature of _____ from real ones to _____ ones.
- _____ among users to have more friends than other members
- Users show their _____ lives to millions of people.
- You get lots of email _____ products which might interest you.

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1. Read the two letters.

2. Complete Alan Brown and Laura's opinions. Use the following past participles to complete the passive sentences:

Alan:	packed	addicted (abhängig)	worried	affected (beeinflusst)		
	criticized	fed	discussed			
Laura:	used x 2	shown	interested	developed	filtered	done

Alan Brown

- is _____ about the effect of modern media on young people.
- says that teenagers are _____ to technology.
- In his opinion they are _____ with unimportant information
- He thinks that their brains are _____ by it and they are unable to concentrate.
- According to Alan Brown serious issues are no longer _____ and _____ because their heads are _____ full of gossip.

Laura Bennett

- belongs to the generation in which technology is _____ almost all the time.
- claims that she is not only _____ in gossip.
- says that a new kind of brain power is _____ by research by scientists.
- According to the research new skills have been _____ like multi-tasking (in which more than one thing is _____ at the same time) and information is _____ more easily.
- In her opinion young peoples' brains are just being _____ differently.

Useful phrases to express an opinion

in my / his / her etc. opinion – meiner Meinung nach
 according – laut / gemäß
 to claim – behaupten