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Living Online 网上生活

The Rise of MySpace MySpace的兴起

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

How do you meet new people, make new friends, or find out about **the latest bands**? Here in the UK young people have traditionally done their **socialising** in bars, pubs and clubs.

However, there is a new generation growing up that finds it easier to manage their **social lives** on the net, using free websites like MySpace, Bebo or MSN Spaces.

Welcome to the **social networking website** – a place where you can present yourself to the **digital community** and meet other **like-minded people**.

The most successful social networking website in the UK is MySpace.com. As of July 2006, MySpace is the world's fourth most popular English-language website, attracting almost 3 million visitors per month. MySpace claims to have 95 million members with 500,000 new members joining the community each week.

So how has it become so successful? Perhaps its secret is in its simplicity. Each new member can build their own page simply – **uploading** photos, videos and **MP3 files**. Then they describe themselves, listing their likes, dislikes, favourite bands, **relationship status**, etc. It's an easy way to **hook up with** people who share your interests.

Briana Dougherty, a 25-year-old MySpace **devotee**, told us, "It's a casual way to stay in contact without appearing **weird**." It seems that many people do not feel comfortable giving out their phone number or personal e-mail address to **new acquaintances** but are perfectly happy **to trade** MySpace profiles.

While socialising is the key to MySpace's success, love of music is at the heart of the community. Indeed, most **aspiring musicians** in the UK upload their songs to the site, and with good reason: **unsigned artists**, Arctic Monkeys and Lilly Allen **created such a buzz** on the site that they were offered **recording contracts** and scored **number one hits**.

Here at Learning English we feel that social network sites could be a great place to practice your English. Why not give it a try? You can tell us about your experience by filling in the new **comments form** at the top of the screen.

Glossary 词汇表

the latest bands 最新乐队	socialising 社交
social lives 社交生活	social networking website 社交交际网站
digital community 数码社区	like-minded people 趣味相投的人
uploading 上载	mp3 files mp3 文件
relationship status 个人情感关系状况	hook up with 交流; 沟通
devotee 热爱者	weird 古怪的
new acquaintances 新相识	to trade 交换
aspiring musicians 胸怀大志的音乐家	unsigned artists 没有签约的歌手
created such a buzz 引起轰动	recording contracts 签约
number one hits 榜首的轰动单曲	comments form 反馈表

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Most young people in the UK make new friends at work. **True / False**
2. Yahoo and Google are social networking sites. **True / False**
3. MySpace is one of the top five English-language websites. **True / False**
4. New bands put their music on the web for people to listen to. **True / False**
5. Users of social networks usually pay for the service. **True / False**

2. Error Correction 改错

Each of these sentences has a mistake in it. Find the mistake and rewrite the sentence correctly.

下列句子中各有一个错误。找出错误并写出正确的句子。

1. Members of social newtworks can meet each other and communicate online.

2. I meet much people in different countries using the internet.

3. MySpace provides an easy way to hook off with like-minded people.

4. I am disagree with socialising online – I prefer to meet face-to-face.

5. MySpace is the most biggest social network.

6. When I talk to friends online we discuss the music and the life.

3. Fill in the gaps 填空

Choose the most appropriate past tense verb to fit in the gap for each sentence.

从下列过去式动词表中选出最佳词，做句子填空：

1. I first _____(go) on line in 1999. Connection speeds _____(be) very slow.
2. MySpace _____(be) in existence since 2003.
3. When I first _____ (see) that website, I _____ (think) it _____(be) very good.
4. He _____(study) a three-year course at University when he _____(buy) his first computer.
5. Ever since I _____(be) a boy I _____(enjoy) meeting new people.
6. My computer _____(crash) last night. I think it has a virus.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with living online in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与网上生活有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

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hook up	community	likes	dislikes	bands

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从下列过去式动词表中选出最佳词, 做句子填空:

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2. MySpace **has been** in existence since 2003.
3. When I first **saw** that website, I **thought** it **was** very good.
4. He **was studying** a three-year course at University when he **bought** his first computer.
5. Ever since I **was** a boy I **have enjoyed** meeting new people.
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