

## Language and technology: social networking

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To develop your understanding of social networks, select one of the articles from the links below, and summarise the key ideas using the grid below. You should be prepared to share your ideas in class.

### Social networking articles from the web:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7898510.stm>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/feb/24/social-networking-site-changing-childrens-brains>

<http://www.silicon.com/research/specialreports/protecting-enterprise-data/cios-getting-serious-about-social-networking-39396860.htm>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/feb/23/digital-revolution>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/catherine-blyth-facebook-8216friends8217-are-fine-but-the-more-we-chat-the-less-we-say-1628834.html>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/2009/feb/15/twitter-microblogging-cultural-influence/print>

<b>General issues regarding social networking sites:</b>	
<b>Benefits:</b>	<b>Constraints:</b>
<b>Statistics/research:</b>	
<b>Your own comments/views relating to the issues raised in the article:</b>	

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During feedback, make a note the key points from different articles:

Article	Benefits	Constraints/issues
Online networking 'harms health'		
Facebook and Bebo risk infantilising the human mind		
CIOs getting serious about social networking		
The digital revolution risks injuring the way we think		
Facebook 'friends' are fine		
Life is tweet		

### Exam preparation: create a set of revision notes

A02: In order to achieve a high band grade (15-16) in the exam, you need to demonstrate the following:

- sensitive understanding of a range of issues and concepts
- conceptualised discussion of ideas surrounding topic
- integrated examples from study which illuminate data and discussion.

In preparation for the exam, make a series of revision notes in the box below about social networking, summarising the outcome of our research:

#### Revision notes:

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