

Week 1

#5 Parents may worry about China's social media app Tik Tok, but it's far from a waste of time

Skills/ Objectives: Reading and Speaking

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

1. Have you heard of the social media app Tik Tok (Douyin)? Have you watched any of the videos there? What are they about? Do you enjoy watching them? Why or why not?
2. Have you made any videos there? Why did you make them?

Vocabulary

1. Launch (noun): an act to introduce something new
2. Identities (noun): one's sense of selves
3. Excessive (adjective): being too much
4. Permanent (adjective): existing or lasting for a long time or all the time
5. Facilitate (verb): to make things easier or help things happen

PART 2: Article

In this article, Nichola Chan, the reporter of the Young Post, discusses the use of Tik Tok, the video-sharing app, among teenagers and some of the concerns among professionals and parents.

Parents may worry about China's social media app Tik Tok, but it's far from a waste of time (*click the link to read the article*)

<https://yp.scmp.com/news/features/article/110179/parents-may-worry-about-chinas-social-media-app-tik-tok-it%E2%80%99s-far-waste>

(Source: Young Post)

PART 3: Let's discuss!

1. What are the pros and cons of using the Tik Tok app? Why people find the app attractive?
2. How can we protect our privacy online?

PART 4: Oral practice

Debate is a discussion in which people usually have different opinions about a subject or topic. A person who takes an affirmative side means he/she agrees with the topic while a person who takes a negative side means he/she disagree with the topic. During the debate, it is important for people to give reasons or evidence to support their ideas. Learn more about how to debate here:

<https://www.sfu.ca/cmns/130d1/HOWTODEBATE.htm>

1. C1 advanced: Pros and cons of mobile phones

In this video, Gemma and Sam discuss the pros and cons of using mobile phones to connect with people. Watch the video and try to complete the activities provided

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/speaking/c1-advanced-pros-and-cons-mobile-phones>

2. Face off: Are smartphones making us dumber?

In this article, two students, Helen Wong and Cedric Li, discuss whether using smartphone would make people dumb. Read the article and pay attention to the reasons given by the students. Which student do you agree with? Why? You can comment on Moodle too!

<https://yp.scmp.com/over-to-you/columns/article/96701/face-are-smartphones-making-us-dumber>

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