

When does using social media make you feel good?  
When does it make you feel bad?

when someone tags you in a photo...

when you get an anonymous message...

when your friend boasts holiday photos...



Which of these activities do you spend a lot of time doing? Do you think you might do any of them too much? Give reasons for your answers.

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playing video games



browsing social  
networking sites



taking photos of  
yourself



checking your phone for messages



watching video clips online



Read the article. Do you think the son was **addicted** to playing video games? Find evidence for your opinion.

According to a Chinese blog, a man has hired gamers to find his son in an online game and kill his character.

The man was unhappy with his son for not finding a job and was also worried about the amount of time the 23-year-old spent playing games online. So he found some other gamers who were particularly good at online combat games and paid them to kill his son's character. His son became aware of the situation when people kept attacking him. He was so curious about it that he asked one of his attackers to explain.

Apparently, the son was shocked at the answer, but he was not particularly angry with his father. After all, people who play online combat games are used to being killed!

We are probably all familiar with stories of video game addiction. However, many experts are not sure that it is a real condition. They point out that spending a lot of time doing something is not the same as being addicted to it. It only becomes an addiction when it is harmful to family life, friendships or work.

to be addicted	<div></div>	<div></div>
to be unhappy	<div></div>	<div></div>
to be worried	<div></div>	<div></div>
to be good	<div></div>	<div></div>
to be aware	<div></div>	<div></div>
to be curious	<div></div>	<div></div>
to be shocked	<div></div>	<div></div>
to be angry	<div></div>	<div></div>
to be familiar	<div></div>	<div></div>
to be harmful	<div></div>	<div></div>

### LEARN THIS! Adjective + preposition



Many adjectives are followed by certain prepositions:  
*in, at, of, with, etc.*

*to be obsessed with / successful in / sensitive to something*

You need to learn these adjective + preposition combinations as they do not follow any rules. A good dictionary will tell you which preposition to use with which adjective.

### LOOK OUT!



Some adjectives can be followed by more than one preposition with no difference in use or meaning.

*to be annoyed at / with somebody or something*

But with some adjectives, the preposition changes depending on the type or meaning of the word which follows.

*to be unhappy with somebody / about something*

**similar** /'sɪmələ(r)/ *adj* **similar (to sth/sb); similar (in sth)**

like sth/sb but not exactly the same: *My phone is similar to my brother's.* • *Our houses are very similar in size.*

5 Circle the correct prepositions to go with these adjectives.  
Use a dictionary to help you.

1 dissatisfied in / **with**

2 responsible **for** / in

3 obsessed of / **with**

4 sensitive for / **to**

5 pleased to / **with**

6 successful **in** / to

## Circle the correct prepositions.

- 1 Его глаза очень чувствительны к яркому свету.
- 2 Ты в предвкушении своего отдыха?
- 3 Она была не очень довольна ее подарком.
- 4 Не волнуйся, никто не злится на тебя.
- 5 Я хочу 90%, но буду удовлетворен и 75%.
- 6 Кто ответственен за весь этот бардак?
- 7 Я не знаком с этой частью города, поэтому здесь легко заблудиться.
- 8 Если ты был бы недоволен своим гостиничным номером, то тебе следовало бы пожаловаться.



Complete the text with the correct prepositions.



selfie (n):  
a picture taken  
of a person by  
that person

Are you surprised by the  
text? Why?  
What would you advise  
people with the same  
addiction to do?

A teenager in the UK, Danny Bowman, became addicted **to** 'selfies' and spent up to ten hours a day taking around 200 photos of himself with his phone. This was a true case of addiction: it was harmful **to** his education and his friendships and responsible **for** several health problems. Experts are aware **of** the condition and say it is becoming more and more common. Danny first posted selfies on Facebook when he was fifteen and soon became obsessed **with** reading his friends' comments. Although he was pleased **with** many of the things his friends wrote, he was also very sensitive **to** criticism. Before long, he was feeling very dissatisfied **with** his appearance. He took more and more photos of himself. His parents became very worried **about** his behaviour. Because they were both mental health nurses, they were familiar **with** addictions. They knew that Danny needed help. Now, after months of hospital treatment, Danny has been successful **in** beating his addiction. But it's a growing problem, with many other cases similar **to** Danny's.

Tell your partner about something that you are (or have been):

1 successful

2 excited

3 satisfied

4 curious

5 pleased

6 good

7 angry

8 keen

I was really successful my recent music exam.





## Complete the text with *about, at, in, of, on, to* or *with*.

Scientists have been aware <sup>1</sup> **of** technology addictions for many years, but now there is a new kind: recently a man needed treatment after becoming addicted <sup>2</sup> **to** Google Glass.

The 31-year-old American man visited a clinic in the USA because he was worried <sup>3</sup> **about** an alcohol addiction. He had to take off his Google Glass when he arrived – and doctors were shocked <sup>4</sup> **at** his reaction. He suffered withdrawal symptoms which were very similar <sup>5</sup> **to** drug or alcohol withdrawal.

### Tick the best summary of the text in exercise 2.

- a A man in the USA developed an addiction to Google Glass while he was receiving treatment for another addiction. ☐
- b A man in the USA became addicted to Google Glass after using it at work. ☐
- c A man in the USA found it so difficult to break his addiction to Google Glass that he developed an alcohol addiction. ☐

Originally, the man had become keen <sup>6</sup> **on** Google Glass because it helped him to become better <sup>7</sup> **at** his job. He gradually became more and more obsessed <sup>8</sup> **with** the device. However, he also began to feel unhappy <sup>9</sup> **about** the effect that it was having on his mood: he became bad-tempered and forgetful when he was not wearing it. The device was helping him to be successful <sup>10</sup> **in** his job, but it was harmful <sup>11</sup> **to** the rest of his life.

At first, the doctors at the clinic were curious <sup>12</sup> **about** one symptom: the man kept tapping the right side of his head with his finger. The man later explained that this was how you changed the view on Google Glass.



Complete the questions with a preposition. Then write true answers about yourself.

1 Which friend or family member do you get angry **with** most often?

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2 What kinds of thing do you get angry **about** ?

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3 In what ways can social media be harmful **to** teenagers?

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4 Which gadget are you most likely to become addicted **to** , in your opinion? Why?

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# Homework

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What have you learned today?

What can you do now?

