

4 Complete the questions with prepositions. Then read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1 What do teenagers have constant access _____?
- 2 What are teenagers always aware _____?
- 3 What can comparisons with online friends lead _____?
- 4 What do parents think their children are addicted _____?
- 5 What is the rise in childhood obesity due _____?
- 6 What is 'WhatsAppitis' caused _____?
- 7 What sort of ailments can apps help _____?
- 8 What does technology allow people to focus _____?

5 In pairs, discuss the questions.

- 1 Which of the opinions in the text do you agree with? Why?
- 2 How would you answer the question in the title?



DISAGREE

Social media **plays a crucial role** in teenagers' lives. Whether they are **updating their status**, **posting comments** or **uploading photos**, teenagers use social media to supplement face-to-face socialising.

DISAGREE

Some teens enjoy video games so much that they **lose track of time**. But **addiction** is a serious condition! Checking social media a bit too often is one thing, but that doesn't mean you're obsessed with your device **at the expense** of other aspects of your life.

DISAGREE

There are apps to help with those minor ailments. Stressed? Worried about inactivity? Get an app that measures your movements. Weight gain? A fitness app counts calories. A sedentary lifestyle is not the only reason why children suffer from obesity. Until our society **addresses all the issues** connected with childhood **obesity**, the trend is likely to continue.

DISAGREE

Technology is making us more efficient. With a search engine **at our fingertips**, we can **browse the net**, **bookmark useful sites** and **connect** with our friends. We have more head space to focus on other, more interesting things.

WORD STORE 7A

6 **CD-3.1 MP3-98** Complete WORD STORE 7A with the base form of the collocations in red in the article. Then listen, check and repeat. Add a translation.

7 For each question, cross out the noun that does not collocate with the verb. Then, in pairs, ask and answer the questions.

When was the last time you:

- 1 uploaded a **laptop** / a video clip / a photo?
- 2 updated your **status** / bookmark / profile?
- 3 posted a **comment** / a link / social media?
- 4 browsed an **icon** / a website / the net?
- 5 bookmarked a **webpage** / a homepage / a password?
- 6 shared a **link** / an icon / a Facebook post?

WORD STORE 7B

8 **CD-3.2 MP3-99** Complete WORD STORE 7B. Match the underlined phrases in the article with typical symptoms. Then listen, check and repeat.

9 **CD-3.3 MP3-100** Listen and match conversations 1–6 with ailments a–f.

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| a addiction ☐ | d high blood pressure ☐ |
| b diabetes ☐ | e insomnia ☐ |
| c eye strain ☐ | f joint pain ☐ |

WORD STORE 7C

10 **CD-3.4 MP3-101** Complete WORD STORE 7C with the highlighted phrases in the article. Then listen, check and repeat.

11 In pairs, complete the statements with phrases from WORD STORE C. Then choose four statements to discuss.

- 1 Young people spend too much time in front of screens _____ their health.
- 2 With the Internet _____, you don't need to 'know' anything anymore.
- 3 Social media _____ in maintaining friendships.
- 4 The only way to improve a _____ is to do more exercise.
- 5 Doctors do not know how to _____ of obesity.
- 6 It's so easy to _____ when you are online.
- 7 Drug addicts suffering from _____ deserve our sympathy.
- 8 Teenagers these days have a very limited _____.

WORD STORE 7D

12 **CD-3.5 MP3-102** Complete WORD STORE 7D with more collocations. Then listen, check and repeat. Write example sentences.