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Facebook – sign up or not?

Nowadays most teenagers have their profiles on Facebook. They use it to chat with their friends, meet new ones and see what's going on with people they know.

The good thing about Facebook is that you can be in touch with people all around the world. You can talk with your friends who don't live in the same town or country, at any time you want. We often pay big bills when we talk to our friends on the phone, but at Facebook you can do that as long as you like and you pay nothing, because it is for free.

However, Facebook has many disadvantages, too. You can't see people while you're talking with them, so if some people pretend to be someone else you won't know. We have to be aware of those things and never accept to meet with people that we met on Facebook. We also shouldn't give information like address and telephone number, because people might use it in bad ways. It also keeps us from spending quality time with our friends in real life which is much more different than sending messages on Facebook. We should spend more time in nature, doing something useful like reading, learning or doing sport, instead of going on most popular social network in the world.

In my opinion Facebook is all about connecting people, and having fun, but it shouldn't stop us from living a normal, healthy life. So if you think you can control yourself from becoming addicted to it, why not sign up for it?

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