

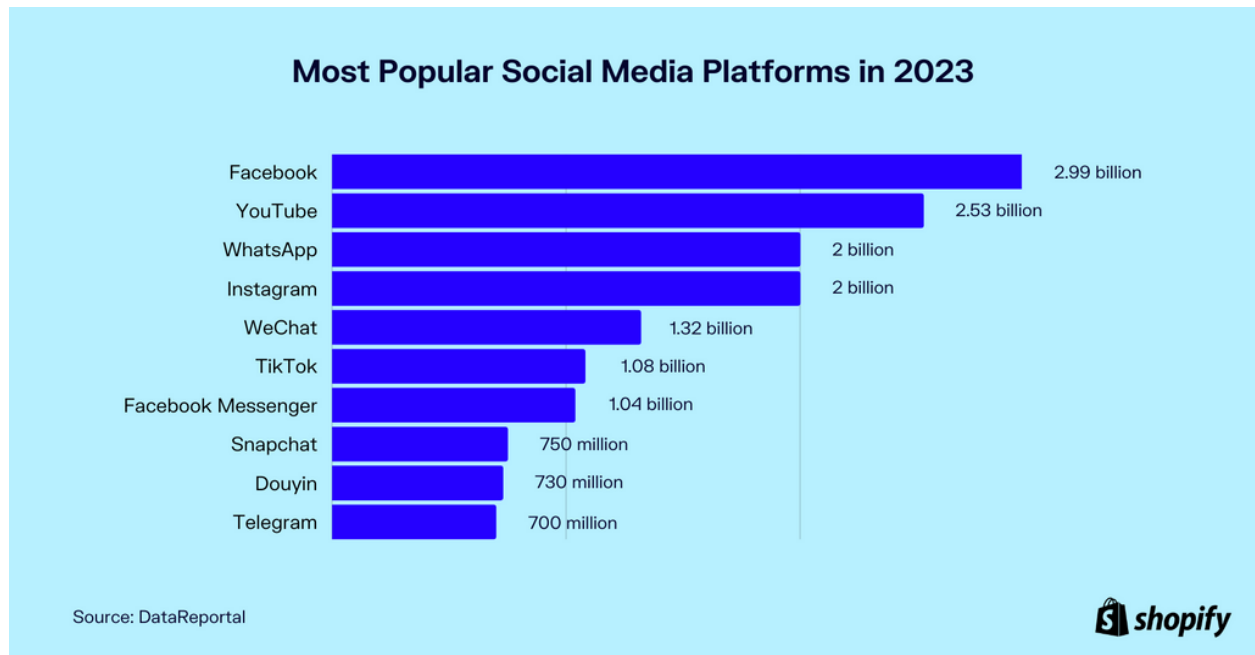
Using Social Media

9:30-9:40 Ice Breaker

What was the best thing that happened last week?

What was the worst thing that happened last week?

9:40 – 10:00 Introduction



[Most Popular Social Media in the US \[Updated May 2023\] \(oberlo.com\)](https://www.oberlo.com/most-popular-social-media-in-the-us/)

Today, in the United States, Facebook is the most popular social media site. Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook, started his network in 2004 when he was a student at Harvard University. He **realized** that students wanted to be able **to find out** about their friends' thoughts and activities. By 2007, Facebook had 70 million users. Today, Facebook has 2.99 billion users!

When asked, "Why did you join this site?", here is how some people answered:

- It's a good way to find people with similar **interests**.
- I can share photos and videos with my friends and make **comments**
- I can see what friends we have **in common**.
- I can **hear about** events from my friends.
- I can share my favorite **links** with my friends.

Vocabulary

Realized: If you realize that something is true, you become aware of that fact or understand it.

To find out: If you find something out, you learn something that you did not already know.

Comments: Things you say when you respond to a post on a social media site.

Hear about: Learn something new, perhaps from a friend who told you.

Link: An Internet address that brings you to a website

Connect: Join two or more people together to share information, photos, etc.

Helpful: If you describe someone as helpful, you mean that they help you in some way, such as doing part of your job or by giving you advice or information.

Secure: Safe

Vocabulary Practice

Write a sentence using any two vocabulary words from the list above.

1. Sentence 1: _____

2. Sentence 2: _____

10:00 – 10:15 Conversation

Mom 1: Hey, have you considered letting your kids use Messenger to stay **connected** with friends and family? It's been really **helpful** for us.

Mom 2: Oh, I'm a little unsure about it. Why do you think it's a good idea?

Mom 1: Well, there are a few reasons. First, it allows them to message friends in a controlled environment, which is better than some other less **secure** messaging apps. You can also set up a kids' Messenger account for more safety.

Mom 2: That sounds good. I've heard about some safety concerns with other apps. How does the kids' Messenger account work?

Mom 1: It's great! You can create a Messenger Kids account linked to your own Facebook or Instagram account, and you have control over their contacts and messages. You can approve or deny their friends, set time limits, and monitor their activity.

Mom 2: That's a relief. I was worried about who they might be talking to online. Can you also monitor their messages?

Mom 1: Yes, you can. You have the ability to see who they're chatting with and what they're sending. It's a good way to make sure they're using it safely.

Mom 2: How about privacy concerns?

Mom 1: Messenger Kids is designed with privacy in mind. It doesn't display ads, and Facebook claims they don't use kids' data for advertising purposes. Plus, you can control their privacy settings.

Mom 2: That's good to know. But what if my kids want to use it on their own devices?

Mom 1: You can install Messenger Kids on their own devices too and manage it from your account. It's pretty convenient.

Mom 2: That sounds pretty easy. I'd like to try it. Thanks for the info!

Mom 1: You're welcome! It's been a helpful tool for us to keep our kids connected in a safe and controlled environment. If you have any questions when setting it up, feel free to ask.

10:15 – 10:30 Discussion

Rate how you use each social media platform by putting a check in each box.

	Line	Facebook	Instagram	X (Twitter)
Messaging				
Calling				
Sharing photos				
Sharing videos				
Getting news and information				
Playing online games				
Following celebrities				
Finding new friends and communities/groups				
Sharing thoughts and links				
Other uses:				

What kinds of social media do you use the most? Why?

What kinds of social media are the most popular in your country? Least popular? Why?

How often do you use social media? Every day, twice a week, etc.

Do you think you spend too much time on social media?

Do you think social media can be addictive?

Do your children use social media?

Which social media platform is the safest?

What is the best social media platform to find people with similar interests?

(Note to tutors: If time permits, and depending on your students' needs, you can teach comparative adjectives, such as *good, better, best; the most/least popular, the most/least secure; safe, safer, safest, etc.*)

10:30 – 10:40 Practice

Using the list below, decide together in your group, if you would use **most** or **-est** to form the superlatives of the words. (You can put a check mark in one of the blank spaces to the right of each word.) Have a contest to see which group finishes first and has the most correct answers. Each correct adjective is 1 point.

Group 1			Group 2		
	<i>most</i>	<i>-est</i>		<i>most</i>	<i>-est</i>
1. old	_____	_____	1. wise	_____	_____
2. famous	_____	_____	2. friendly	_____	_____
3. busy	_____	_____	3. pretty	_____	_____
4. important	_____	_____	4. beautiful	_____	_____
5. sweet	_____	_____	5. wet	_____	_____
6. loud	_____	_____	6. difficult	_____	_____
7. handsome	_____	_____	7. tired	_____	_____
8. sad	_____	_____	8. soft	_____	_____
9. expensive	_____	_____	9. expensive	_____	_____
10. young	_____	_____	10. fat	_____	_____