

*"What sort of relationships are these? What does it mean to have hundreds of "friends" on Facebook? What kind of friends are they anyway?" (C. Thompson, journalist)*

*"Sometimes I think this stuff is just crazy, and everybody has got to get a life and stop gossiping." (Andrea Ahan, 27)*

*"It's just like living in a village again where everybody knows everybody. ... The current generation is never unconnected. They're never losing touch with their friends." (Z. Tufekzi, sociologist)*

- Do new media like the internet or mobile phones destroy social contact?
- Or are tools like sms text messaging or Facebook (a social internet platform) changing the life of young people for the better?

Write an essay (350-400 words) on these questions and present your opinion on the following points:

- effects on social behaviour
- positive / negative changes
- use the comments
- interesting title

