

**EXERCISE 1** Fill in the chart below with the missing word form.

Words	Nouns		
1. scientific	_____	8. evolute	_____
2. addicted	_____	9. harmful	_____
3. technological	_____	10. personal	_____
4. invent	_____	11. connect	_____
5. innovate	_____	12. perform	_____
6. entertain	_____	13. discover	_____
7. amuse	_____	14. threaten	_____
		15. inform	_____

**EXERCISE 2** Give the correct form of the words in brackets.

- Please, if you need any more (inform) \_\_\_\_\_, call the secretary.
- Most parents are worried about their children's (addicted) \_\_\_\_\_ to the internet.
- TV is not only a source of (entertain) \_\_\_\_\_ but also of (educate) \_\_\_\_\_.
- The customer complained about his internet (connect) \_\_\_\_\_; it's too slow.
- Using the cell phone much is (harm) \_\_\_\_\_ to our brain and eyes, too.

## Reading Text

[1] A selfie is a self-portrait photo taken with a digital camera or camera phone held in the hand or supported by a stick. Selfies are often posted on social networking services such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The photo messaging application Snapchat is also largely used to send selfies. The term 'selfie' was first used in January 2011 by Jennifer Lee, a life-style coach.

[2] Initially popular among young people, selfies have gained wider popularity over time. A survey conducted by Samsung found that they constitute 30% of the photos taken by people aged 18–24. In a society in which images have become a growing means of communication, it has become accepted, and almost expected, for people to post selfies.

[3] Many people send selfies to give a pleasing image of themselves and display their physical portraits. Some users of Snapchat choose to send intentionally unattractive selfies to their friends for comic purposes. For Patricia Wallace, author of *The Psychology of the Internet*, some people may just use **them** to share a funny or spontaneous moment with others.

[4] However, according to Zlatan Krizan, a professor of psychology at Iowa State University, people may engage in dangerous activities to take a selfie that attracts attention. In the USA, a 32-year-old woman from North Carolina was driving when her vehicle hit a tree and burst into flames moments after posting selfies online. Luckily, **the driver** was unharmed. A 21-year-old Spanish man died from electrocution after climbing on top of a train to take a selfie. In Russia, a teenager died while trying to take a selfie on a railway bridge.

[5] Anabel Quan-Haase, a professor at the University of Western Ontario, points out that "as a society, we have moved toward a new type of Net Visual Culture, where we are attracted by pictures of others and descriptions of events.

We want to show people what our lives are like. Sometimes, this can be achieved only through taking risks". Given the number of selfie-related injuries and deaths occurring recently in different countries, it is a must for officials to launch campaigns to warn people of the dangers of taking selfies.

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## COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)

BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT.

### A COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CHART. (3 pts)

MAIN IDEA	PARAGRAPH NUMBER
a. Reasons for taking selfies	_____
b. Definition of a selfie	_____
c. Examples of selfie accidents	_____
d. Quan-Haase's views on selfies	5

### B ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. (4 pts)

1. What did the survey conducted by Sumsung show?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Name two purposes for posting selfies:

a \_\_\_\_\_

b \_\_\_\_\_

3. How did the Spanish man lose his life?

\_\_\_\_\_

### C COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES. (3 pts)

1. It was in 2011 that Jennifer Lee \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Warning people of the dangers of taking selfies can limit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. In a society of a Net Visual Culture, people \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### D FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS WHICH MEAN ALMOST THE SAME AS: (3 pts)

1. trainer (paragraph 1) : \_\_\_\_\_

2. electric shock (paragraph 4) : \_\_\_\_\_

3. to start (paragraph 5) : \_\_\_\_\_

### E WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO? (2 pts)

1. **them** (paragraph 3) : \_\_\_\_\_

2. **the driver** (paragraph 4) : \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ex 1** 1. science 2. addiction 3. technology 4. invention 5. innovation 6. entertainment 7. amusement  
8. evolution 9. harm 10. personality 11. connection 12. performance 13. discovery 14. threat  
15. information

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**Ex 2** 1. information 2. addiction 3. entertainment – education 4. connection 5. harmful

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**A.** a.3 b.1 c.4 **B.** ...that selfies constitute 30% of the photos taken by people aged 18 – 24. 2. a. to give a pleasing image of themselves and display their physical portraits. b. to send intentionally unattractive selfies to their friends for comic purposes to share a funny or spontaneous moment with others. 3. from electro caution (after climbing on top of a train to take a selfie. **C.** 1. used the word selfie. 2. the number of selfie related injuries and death occurring recently in different countries. 3. are attracted by pictures of others and descriptions of events/ use images as a growing means of communication. **D.** 1. coach 2. electrocution 3. to launch **E.** 1. selfies 2. a (32 year old) woman

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