## **Social Networking Sites**

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Social networking sites such as Facebook have become extremely popular in Hong Kong. Many teenagers enjoy spending hours on Facebook, especially when using a smart phone such as the iPhone. Let us talk about how good or bad to spend a lot of time on social networking sites.

Nine out ten teenagers have social networking sites accounts because when we are using social websites, we can make friends and share status and photos online. It is fun and interesting! Also, we can play some games on these social websites with our overseas friends such as Monopoly games and other card games. We can keep contact with our overseas friends. That is why many people love spending time on social websites.

But some teenagers are spending a lot of time on these social networking sites. It hurts our eyes! When we are staring at the screen for a long time, our eyes will be tired. Also, spending a lot of time on social websites such as Facebook is not really as good as we think. Although we can make friends online, it can be dangerous because we don't know whether these online friends' information is real or not. They may be lying and cheating on us.

As a matter of fact, spending time on these social networking sites has both benefits and drawbacks. If we use social websites carefully, we can chat and play online games with our friends safely!

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## Social Networking in Hong Kong

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In Hong Kong, 9 out of 10 teenagers have a Facebook account, and they enjoy spending hours on Facebook. Also, they will chat with friends on Facebook.

First, spending a lot of time on Facebook will make teenagers not want to talk with others face to face. Instead, they want to chat with friends online. Then, there is another problem. On the Facebook there can be cyber bullying. People will use some nasty language to hurt others. And also some people will upload some nasty language on status. This is one of the drawbacks on Facebook.

However, teenagers also can use Facebook to make some new friends. And Facebook can allow us to upload our status too. It is an attraction. But some teenagers are spending a lot of time on it. Teenagers will have less time with their friends and family face to face. It is not good. Teenagers should balance their online time with face-to-face time.

To solve this problem, I can give you some advice. Parents can make a Facebook account and connect with their teenagers on Facebook. It is a good way to share some photos and memories with your teenagers. And your teenagers will love you if you do it. I hope my advice will help you.

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