

OLA - Lingua Inglese

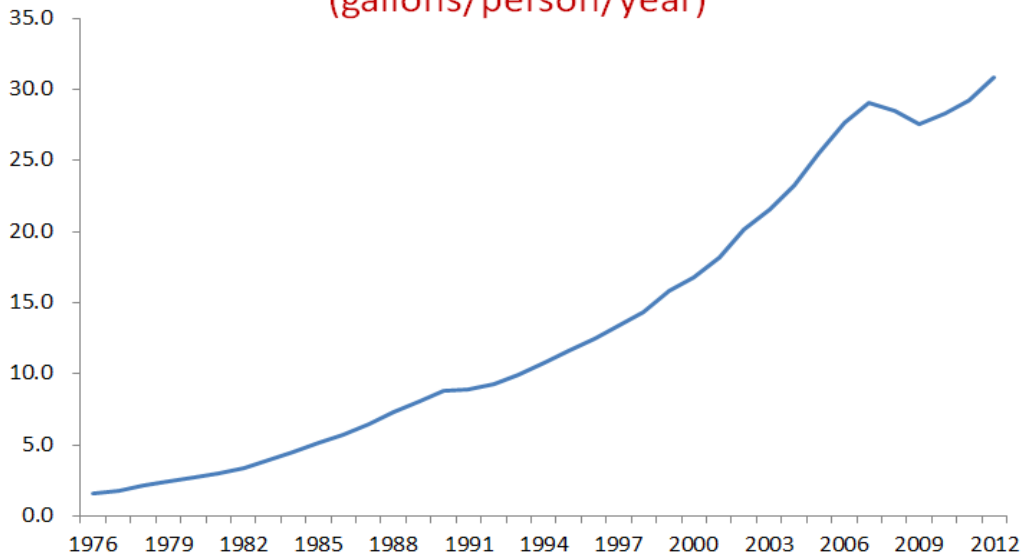
GRAPH

Guarda il grafico e leggi il testo. In base alle informazioni fornite, decidi se le frasi che seguono sono vere (T), false (F) o non riportate nel testo (NG). Inserisci T (true), F (false) o NG (not given) sull'apposita linea.

Bottled Water Sales: The Shocking Reality

America has one of the safest city tap water systems in the world, but consumers are buying bottled water, which costs thousands of times more per gallon. There was a slight decrease in 2008 and 2009, attributed to a public campaign against bottled water and to the severe recession, but by 2012, sales of bottled water reached US\$12 billion. 60 to 70% of all the plastic bottles sold are never recycled and end up as garbage, and to make all those bottles, the equivalent of 17 million barrels of oil are used each year.

**US Bottled Water Consumption per Person
(gallons/person/year)**



Bottled water sales per person in the United States, from 1976 to 2012.
Data are from the Beverage Marketing Corporation. Graph by Peter Gleick.

1. The use of bottled water in the US fell steadily in the 1990s. 1. _____
2. According to the information above, city tap water in the US is dangerous to drink. 2. _____
3. Bottled water is more expensive than tap water. 3. _____
4. Sales of bottled water went down in 2008. 4. _____
5. More than half of the plastic water bottles that are sold are recycled into new products. 5. _____
6. This is an example of a line graph. 6. _____
7. In 2000, Americans consumed about 35 gallons of bottled water per person. 7. _____
8. In 1982, there were 70 public drinking fountains per person in the USA. 8. _____
9. At least 20 million barrels of oil a year are used to make plastic water bottles for the US. 9. _____
10. The price of a single bottle of water in the US was higher in 2012 than in 2010. 10. _____

MATCHING

Abbina le 5 persone (1-5) alla interazione più probabile che trovi nel riquadro (A- F). Scrivi la lettera corrispondente sulla linea a destra. Attenzione, c'è un'interazione in più.

1. Carla studies Economics. She is in her last year. She is looking for a part-time job because she wants to go to the USA after graduation. She loves travelling. 1. _____
2. Josh is a first-year Engineering student. He works at the weekend at his family's restaurant. He loves motorcycles and racing. 2. _____
3. Sarah is a Law student. She only has one more exam left. She plays volleyball three times a week. She is very athletic. 3. _____
4. Tommy studies Medicine. He wants to be a pediatrician because he loves children. He volunteers twice a week at a local association that helps children. 4. _____
5. Mary is studying Nutritional science. She is in her third year. In her free time she loves reading thriller books. 5. _____

A

a: Hey! Are you coming to the match on Friday afternoon?

b: Sorry, I can't. I have to study for my last exam. It's on Monday!

a: That's too bad. I'll see you at practice next week then!

B

a: Hi! What are you doing on Saturday?

b: I'm really busy! I'm organizing a charity lunch at the social centre for the kids.

a: Oh, so we can't study for the Anatomy exam together!

C

a: Wow! You look very professional this morning! Where are you going?

b: I have an interview in a couple hours. I really need this job!

a: Good luck! I hope it goes well! I'm going to our International Trade class.

D

a: Hey! Can I borrow your notes from yesterday's Food Microbiology class?

b: Sure! We can meet this afternoon at the library. I need to return a book I've just finished - *Ghosts at midnight*.

a: Thanks! See you later!

E

a: Hello! There's a seminar this afternoon on new trends in language teaching. Are you coming?

b: Of course I am. I can't miss it! My dream is to be a great teacher one day.

a: Wonderful! I'll see you there!

F

a: Hey, what are you doing this weekend?

b: I have to work, but maybe after I finish working we can meet at your house.

a: That sounds great! We can go for a ride!

LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT

Leggi il testo e scrivi sulla linea a destra la lettera (A, B, C o D) che corrisponde alla parola che completa la frase.

South Africa

- 1) South Africa is a country located _____ the south of Africa. It is divided into nine provinces 1. _____
a) at b) in c) out d) on
- 2) and has a _____ big coastline. South Africa is one of the largest countries in the world 2. _____
a) more b) much c) very d) most
- 3) by area and the 24th most populous country with _____ 51 million people. 3. _____
a) over b) excess c) few d) additional
- 4) It is the largest economy in Africa, _____ unfortunately there is still a lot of poverty. 4. _____
a) but b) so c) if d) then
- 5) Many different people _____ in South Africa, each with their own language and history. 5. _____
a) lives b) living c) to live d) live
- 6) The country has 11 official languages and many unofficial ones. _____ colorful mix of 6. _____
a) They b) This c) These d) There
- 7) cultures gives South Africa _____ nickname "rainbow nation." 7. _____
a) his b) my c) its d) your
- 8) South Africans are _____ about music, using song and dance to express social and 8. _____
a) passion b) passionate c) passionately d) patiently
- 9) political ideas. They're also _____ worldwide for their skill in sports, including rugby 9. _____
a) knew b) known c) know d) knows
- 10) and soccer. _____2010, South Africa was the first African nation to host the World Cup. 10. _____
a) At b) In c) On d) To

SKIMMING

Leggi i seguenti ‘titoletti’ relativi all’articolo che ti chiediamo di analizzare. Identifica a quale paragrafo ogni titolo si riferisce e scrivi la lettera sull’apposita linea. Attenzione, c’è un titolo in più.

- A. Safe social networking for children
- B. Personal information can be stolen and modified
- C. What is social networking?
- D. Children in particular face psychological dangers
- E. How social networking will change in the future
- F. Some advantages of internet social networking

Social networking, pros and cons

1. _____

When different people with the same hobby, passion or even business interests come together, it is referred to as a social network. Social networking websites allow you to create a profile and post information about yourself. Profiles can be kept private or public and you can choose what information your friends and other visitors can see. On these sites, people can form groups and have discussions. You can add friends to your list of friends and interact with them. Adding people to your friends list gives them access to your personal profile, photographs, contact information, etc..

2. _____

In 2006, 60 million Americans received help with major life issues (changing jobs, finding a new place to live, buying a car, and caring for someone with an illness) from people in their social networks. They said these sites helped them to connect with friends and experts who assisted them in their decisions. Social media sites are also expanding from general interest to more specific uses that benefit society. For example, sites have been created to deal with diseases, alcoholism, drug addiction and weight loss. Furthermore, 59% of students with access to the Internet report that they use these sites to discuss educational topics including career and college planning, and 50% use them to talk about school homework.

3. _____

But social networking sites cannot verify people’s identities, leaving users vulnerable to online predators who are able to mask their true identities. The opportunity of using a false identity may lead some users to post inappropriate statuses and pictures, or create blogs that defame others. Cyber-bullying and stalking are increasing problems not only in the USA. More and more frequently, identities are stolen online; hackers may steal your identity and post things in your name.

4. _____

The use of social networks for too many hours a day can cause personality and brain disorders in children, such as the inability to have real conversations, limited attention spans, a need for instant gratification and Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Another disadvantage of social networks for young children is that explicit language is not censored, and there is a lot of racist, violent, and sexist material that exists on social networking sites.

5. _____

It is important for parents to monitor their children’s accounts regularly. Parents should check the site for privacy settings, especially if they decide to post photos, but it is preferable to avoid posting them. Parents must also join the site themselves and add their children to their friends list so they can see their children’s activities. And, finally, children must be educated about the dangers of social networking and only register when they are old enough to understand the risks.

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Riferendoti all'articolo, scrivi nel margine destro la lettera (A, B, C o D) che corrisponde alla risposta esatta.

1. On social network sites people _____. 1. _____
a) must have a public profile
b) cannot interact with other people
c) always have the same hobbies
d) can have a public or a private profile

2. According to the text, in 2006, a high number of Americans _____. 2. _____
a) lost their jobs because of social networks b) sold their houses
c) were helped by social networks d) had serious illnesses

3. Nowadays, social media sites deal _____. 3. _____
a) mostly with issues of general interest
b) mostly with private issues
c) with general and more specific issues
d) only with specific problems

4. In Paragraph 2, the author says that ____ of students with internet access use social networks to talk about school assignments. 4. _____
a) 59% b) 50% c) 100% d) 9%

5. One of the problems of social networks is that _____. 5. _____
a) you cannot create blogs b) people's identity cannot be verified
c) you cannot publish pictures d) you cannot defame others

6. Hackers may _____. 6. _____
a) steal your posts b) steal your identity c) post too many photos d) buy your identity

7. Children who spend too much time using social networks may _____. 7. _____
a) improve their personalities b) have several problems
c) only benefit from this d) learn a foreign language

8. The author believes the language used in social networks is _____ inappropriate. 8. _____
a) not b) sometimes c) always d) never

9. Parents should _____. 9. _____
a) tell their children not to use social networks
b) tell their children to use social networks every afternoon
c) regularly check what their children do on social networks
d) never check what their children do on social networks

10. Which of the following is NOT a good idea, according to the author? 10. _____
a) Parents should add their children to their friends on social networks.
b) Parents should tell their children that social networks are dangerous.
c) Children should publish lots of photos on social networks.
d) Parents should monitor their children on social networks.

TEXT COMPLETION

Completa la seguente email inserendo una parola appropriata in ogni spazio vuoto. Scrivi la tua risposta nel margine destro.

Hi Katelyn,

How are you? I _____1_____ great news to tell you! New York 1. _____

University accepted my research proposal so I will study there

_____2_____ a year! This is a great opportunity for me. I'm writing 2. _____

to you _____3_____ I'm planning to come to New York next month 3. _____

and I need your help.

I'm having a lot _____4_____ problems organizing the trip. First 4. _____

of all, the flight from Rome to New York is _____5_____ 5. _____

expensive and the university cannot pay for it. _____6_____ there 6. _____

any low-cost companies that I can check?

Another problem is that I'm looking for _____7_____ apartment 7. _____

near the university and I can't find one that is convenient. Could I stay

_____8_____ you for a few weeks until I find a good apartment? 8. _____

I am also worried about my budget. _____9_____ you think I 9. _____

can find a part-time job?

It will be great to see _____10_____ in New York! 10. _____

Hugs,

Giovanna