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## Level 6

### Charity warns against uploading photos of children

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<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

A child protection charity in the UK is urging parents to ask their children for permission before uploading photos and videos of them on social media. This follows a study by Ofcom, a communications watchdog, revealing that parents are divided on whether it is right to post photos of their children online. The practice of parents uploading photos and videos of their kids is termed "sharenting". This is a combination of the words "share" and "parenting". Ofcom said the biggest reason for parents not sharing photos of their kids is to protect the privacy of under-18s. The NSPCC said: "Each time a photo or video is uploaded, it creates a digital footprint of a child which can follow them into adult life."

The website theatlantic.com highlighted how prevalent sharenting is in the USA. It said: "In the United States, the vast majority of 2-year-olds...already have an online presence. More than 80 per cent of babies younger than that are already on social media." The website said there is a conflict between a parent's pride in their children and his or her desire to share photos of them, and the potential dangers of sharing photos of their kids. Parents often include personal information about their children along with the photos they upload. This could put kids at risk of identity theft and digital kidnapping. There is also the danger of parents publishing real-time information about their children's whereabouts.

Sources: <http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/parents-told-ask-childs-permission-13426198>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/03/the-sharenting-divide-half-uk-parents-do-not-post-childrens-pictures>  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2016/10/babies-everywhere/502757/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. SOCIAL MEDIA:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about social media. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

child / protection / permission / social media / watchdog / parenting / share / privacy  
website / online / conflict / pride / personal information / identity theft / kidnapping

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. NO PHOTOS:** Students A **strongly** believe parents should not upload photos of their children; Students B **strongly** believe it is OK for parents to upload photos of their children on social media. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ONLINE PHOTOS:** What do you think about these online photos? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good things	Bad things
Friends' babies		
Cats		
Food		
People drinking		
People running		
Flowers		

**5. PARENTS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "parents". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. DANGERS:** Rank these online dangers with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- identity theft
- digital kidnapping
- phishing
- cyber-bullying
- sexting
- grooming
- bad eyesight
- lack of exercise

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A charity said parents should ask children's permission to post photos. **T / F**
- b. The article says parents are split on the idea of posting kids' photos. **T / F**
- c. "Sharenting" comes from the words "shark" and "resenting". **T / F**
- d. Digital footprints can follow children into their adult life. **T / F**
- e. Most 2-year-olds in the USA have an online presence. **T / F**
- f. Fewer than 80% of US babies are already on social media. **T / F**
- g. The article says parents never include personal details about children. **T / F**
- h. Posting the real-time whereabouts of kids is not dangerous. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>urging</b>       | a. split       |
| 2. <b>permission</b>   | b. possible    |
| 3. <b>divided</b>      | c. mix         |
| 4. <b>termed</b>       | d. widespread  |
| 5. <b>combination</b>  | e. consent     |
| 6. <b>prevalent</b>    | f. location    |
| 7. <b>vast</b>         | g. called      |
| 8. <b>conflict</b>     | h. encouraging |
| 9. <b>potential</b>    | i. clash       |
| 10. <b>whereabouts</b> | j. huge        |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. ask their children for                    | a. is termed "sharenting" |
| 2. a communications                          | b. sharing photos         |
| 3. uploading photos and videos of their kids | c. footprint              |
| 4. protect the privacy                       | d. theft                  |
| 5. a digital                                 | e. watchdog               |
| 6. the vast majority of                      | f. whereabouts            |
| 7. have an                                   | g. permission             |
| 8. the potential dangers of                  | h. online presence        |
| 9. put kids at risk of identity              | i. 2-year-olds            |
| 10. information about their children's       | j. of under-18s           |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

A child (1) \_\_\_\_\_ charity in the UK is urging parents to ask their children for permission before (2) \_\_\_\_\_ photos and videos of them on social media. This follows a study by Ofcom, a communications watchdog, revealing that parents are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ on whether it is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to post photos of their children online. The practice of parents uploading photos and videos of their kids is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ "sharenting". This is a combination of the words "share" and "parenting". Ofcom said the biggest (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for parents not sharing photos of their kids is to protect the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of under-18s. The NSPCC said: "Each time a photo or video is uploaded, it creates a digital (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of a child which can follow them into adult life."

*termed*  
*divided*  
*privacy*  
*protection*  
*footprint*  
*uploading*  
*reason*  
*right*

The website theatlantic.com highlighted how (9) \_\_\_\_\_ sharenting is in the USA. It said: "In the United States, the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ majority of 2-year-olds...already have an online (11) \_\_\_\_\_. More than 80 per cent of babies younger than that are already on social media." The website said there is a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ between a parent's pride in their children and his or her desire to share photos of them, and the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ dangers of sharing photos of their kids. Parents often include personal information about their children along with the photos they (14) \_\_\_\_\_. This could put kids at risk of identity (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and digital kidnapping. There is also the danger of parents publishing real-time information about their children's (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*upload*  
*conflict*  
*vast*  
*whereabouts*  
*prevalent*  
*theft*  
*potential*  
*presence*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A child protection charity in the UK is \_\_\_\_\_ ask
  - a. urge in parents to
  - b. urges in parents to
  - c. urged in parents to
  - d. urging parents to
- 2) a communications watchdog, revealing that parents are divided on \_\_\_\_\_ right
  - a. whether it is
  - b. weather it is
  - c. whither it is
  - d. wetter it is
- 3) The practice of parents uploading photos and videos of their \_\_\_\_\_ "sharenting"
  - a. kids is teamed
  - b. kids is timed
  - c. kids is tamed
  - d. kids is termed
- 4) not sharing photos of their kids is to protect the privacy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of under-18 is
  - b. of under-80s
  - c. of under-8s
  - d. of under-18s
- 5) it creates a digital footprint of a child which can follow them \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. into adult live
  - b. into adult life
  - c. onto adults life
  - d. onto adult life
- 6) In the United States, the vast majority of 2-year-olds...already have \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an online pretense
  - b. an online presents
  - c. an online presence
  - d. an online prescience
- 7) More than 80 per cent of babies younger than that are already \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on social medium
  - b. on social media
  - c. on social nadir
  - d. on social median
- 8) pride in their children and his or her desire to share photos of them, and the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. potential dangerous
  - b. potentially dangers
  - c. potentially dangerous
  - d. potential dangers
- 9) include personal information about their children along with the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. photos that upload
  - b. photos they uploads
  - c. photos they upload
  - d. photo they upload
- 10) the danger of parents publishing real-time information about their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. children's thereabouts
  - b. children's knockabouts
  - c. children's kickabouts
  - d. children's whereabouts

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

1. What did a charity urge parents to ask children for?
2. What kind of watchdog is Ofcom?
3. Which two words is the term 'sharenting' from?
4. What did Ofcom say must be protected?
5. What kind of footprint is left when a photo is uploaded?
6. How many 2-year-olds in the USA have an online presence?
7. How many babies younger than two are on social media?
8. What parental feeling is in conflict with wanting people to see their kids?
9. What danger was mentioned besides identity theft?
10. What real-time information do some parents upload about children?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

- 1) What did a charity urge parents to ask children for?
  - a) their passwords
  - b) pocket money
  - c) to go out
  - d) a permission to upload photos
- 2) What kind of watchdog is Ofcom?
  - a) a ticking watchdog
  - b) a communications watchdog
  - c) a barking one
  - d) a timely one
- 3) Which two words is the term 'sharenting' from?
  - a) 'shard' and 'cementing'
  - b) 'shark' and 'relenting'
  - c) 'share' and 'parenting'
  - d) 'sharp' and 'renting'
- 4) What did Ofcom say must be protected?
  - a) the privacy of under-18s
  - b) the Internet
  - c) combinations
  - d) photos
- 5) What kind of footprint is left when a photo is uploaded?
  - a) a muddy footprint
  - b) a carbon footprint
  - c) a digital footprint
  - d) an ecological footprint
- 6) How many 2-year-olds in the USA have an online presence?
  - a) a considerable minority
  - b) the vast majority
  - c) a sizeable minority
  - d) a tiny majority
- 7) How many babies younger than two are on social media?
  - a) just fewer than 80%
  - b) around 80%
  - c) exactly 80%
  - d) over 80%
- 8) What parental feeling is in conflict with wanting people to see their kids?
  - a) pride
  - b) anger
  - c) envy
  - d) confusion
- 9) What danger was mentioned besides identity theft?
  - a) cyber-bullying
  - b) phishing
  - c) digital kidnapping
  - d) electrocution
- 10) What real-time information do some parents upload about children?
  - a) phone numbers
  - b) their whereabouts
  - c) their lunch
  - d) what they are playing with

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

## **Role A – Lack of Exercise**

You think lack of exercise is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): identity theft, cyber-bullying or phishing.

## **Role B – Identity Theft**

You think identity theft is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): lack of exercise, cyber-bullying or phishing.

## **Role C – Cyber-Bullying**

You think cyber-bullying is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): identity theft, lack of exercise or phishing.

## **Role D – Phishing**

You think phishing is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): identity theft, cyber-bullying or lack of exercise.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'share' and 'parents'.

<b>share</b>	<b>parents</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• urging</li><li>• follows</li><li>• divided</li><li>• right</li><li>• words</li><li>• adult</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• how</li><li>• vast</li><li>• conflict</li><li>• often</li><li>• theft</li><li>• also</li></ul>
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# SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

Write five GOOD questions about social media in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# SOCIAL MEDIA DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'share'?
3. Why do parents upload so many photos of their children?
4. Is it wrong to upload photos of babies on social media?
5. What are the dangers of parents posting photos of their children?
6. Do you get fed up with photos of small children on social media?
7. What do you think of the term 'sharenting'?
8. Are parents who post photos of their children violating their privacy?
9. How is your digital footprint?
10. How much stuff do you upload on social media?

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# SOCIAL MEDIA DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'parenting'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you be happy if you found photos of you as a kid online?
15. Why might children be angry with parents when they grow up?
16. What do you know about staying safe online?
17. How important is social media for you?
18. What happens in cases of identity theft?
19. How dangerous is uploading a child's whereabouts?
20. What questions would you like to ask 'sharenting' parents?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

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The website theatlantic.com highlighted (7) \_\_\_\_\_ prevalent sharenting is in the USA. It said: "In the United States, the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ majority of 2-year-olds...already have an online presence. More than 80 per cent of babies younger than that are already on social media." The website said there is a conflict between a parent's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in their children and his or her desire to share photos of them, and the potential dangers (10) \_\_\_\_\_ sharing photos of their kids. Parents often include personal information about their children (11) \_\_\_\_\_ with the photos they upload. This could put kids at risk of identity theft and digital kidnapping. There is also the danger of parents publishing real-time information about their children's (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |                     |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. (a) purging      | (b) surging     | (c) urging      | (d) merging     |
| 2. (a) watchdog     | (b) catnap      | (c) black sheep | (d) cash cow    |
| 3. (a) whether      | (b) whither     | (c) waiver      | (d) weather     |
| 4. (a) termed       | (b) teamed      | (c) trimmed     | (d) timed       |
| 5. (a) privation    | (b) privates    | (c) private     | (d) privacy     |
| 6. (a) adulthood    | (b) adulterer   | (c) adultery    | (d) adult       |
| 7. (a) how          | (b) what        | (c) which       | (d) when        |
| 8. (a) baste        | (b) waste       | (c) vest        | (d) vast        |
| 9. (a) pride        | (b) proud       | (c) prided      | (d) proudly     |
| 10. (a) that        | (b) of          | (c) then        | (d) for         |
| 11. (a) aloha       | (b) along       | (c) aloof       | (d) aloud       |
| 12. (a) roundabouts | (b) whereabouts | (c) thereabouts | (d) knockabouts |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. A child protection crayiht in the UK
2. ask their children for isrmsienpo
3. riaegnvel that parents are divided
4. a anboinctoim of the words
5. protect the cvryiap of under-18s
6. it creates a gaidlit footprint

## Paragraph 2

7. highlighted how rtpeenvla sharenting is
8. the vast moaijyrt of 2-year-olds
9. have an online eenpersc
10. the etltaopin dangers of sharing photos
11. put kids at risk of itynteid theft
12. their children's ewohrbetaus



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) younger than that are already on social media." The website said there is a conflict between a parent's
- ( ) of under-18s. The NSPCC said: "Each time a photo or video is uploaded, it creates a digital
- ( ) pride in their children and his or her desire to share photos of them, and the potential dangers of sharing photos of
- ( ) and "parenting". Ofcom said the biggest reason for parents not sharing photos of their kids is to protect the privacy
- ( ) parents are divided on whether it is right to post photos of their children online. The practice of parents
- ( ) footprint of a child which can follow them into adult life."
- ( ) The website theatlantic.com highlighted how prevalent sharenting is in the USA. It said: "In the United States, the vast
- ( **1** ) A child protection charity in the UK is urging parents to ask their children for permission before uploading photos
- ( ) with the photos they upload. This could put kids at risk of identity theft and digital
- ( ) uploading photos and videos of their kids is termed "sharenting". This is a combination of the words "share"
- ( ) their kids. Parents often include personal information about their children along
- ( ) and videos of them on social media. This follows a study by Ofcom, a communications watchdog, revealing that
- ( ) kidnapping. There is also the danger of parents publishing real-time information about their children's whereabouts.
- ( ) majority of 2-year-olds...already have an online presence. More than 80 per cent of babies

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

1. children their ask to parents Urging permission for .
2. watchdog a Ofcom, communications follows by a This study .
3. it to divided post on photos is Parents right are whether .
4. parents for reason biggest The photos sharing not .
5. which child a of footprint digital a creates It them follow can .
6. have year- of The an 2- vast online olds majority presence .
7. on Eighty of already media cent are social per babies .
8. of kids sharing The photos potential of dangers their .
9. their often include personal information about Parents children .
10. of put identity kids theft at This risk could .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

A child protection charity in the UK is *purging* / *urging* parents to ask their children for permission *before* / *after* uploading photos and videos of them on social media. This follows a study by Ofcom, a communications *catnap* / *watchdog*, revealing that parents are *divided* / *multiplied* on whether it is right to post photos of their children online. The *practice* / *perfect* of parents uploading photos and videos of their kids is *teamed* / *termed* "sharenting". This is a combination of the words "share" and "parenting". Ofcom said the biggest reason *from* / *for* parents not sharing photos of their kids is to protect the *privacy* / *private* of under-18s. The NSPCC said: "Each time a photo or video is uploaded, it *creates* / *creates* a digital footprint of a child which can follow *them* / *they* into adult life."

The website theatlantic.com *highlighted* / *heightened* how prevalent sharenting is in the USA. It said: "In the United States, the *waste* / *vast* majority of 2-year-olds...already have an online *presents* / *presence*. More than 80 per cent of babies younger than that are already *on* / *in* social media." The website said there is a *conflict* / *afflict* between a parent's pride in their children and his or her *reside* / *desire* to share photos of them, and the *potential* / *potentially* dangers of sharing photos of their kids. Parents often *include* / *inclusion* personal information about their children along with the photos they upload. This could put kids at *risky* / *risk* of identity theft and digital kidnapping. There is also the *endanger* / *danger* of parents publishing real-time information about their children's whereabouts.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

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wh\_r\_\_b\_\_ts.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a child protection charity in the uk is urging parents to ask their children for permission before uploading photos and videos of them on social media this follows a study by ofcom a communications watchdog revealing that parents are divided on whether it is right to post photos of their children online the practice of parents uploading photos and videos of their kids is termed "sharenting" this is a combination of the words "share" and "parenting" ofcom said the biggest reason for parents not sharing photos of their kids is to protect the privacy of under-18s the nspcc said "each time a photo or video is uploaded it creates a digital footprint of a child which can follow them into adult life"

the website theatlanticcom highlighted how prevalent sharenting is in the usa it said "in the united states the vast majority of 2-year-olds...already have an online presence more than 80 per cent of babies younger than that are already on social media" the website said there is a conflict between a parent's pride in their children and his or her desire to share photos of them and the potential dangers of sharing photos of their kids parents often include personal information about their children along with the photos they upload this could put kids at risk of identity theft and digital kidnapping there is also the danger of parents publishing real-time information about their children's whereabouts

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## FREE WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

Write about **social media** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170806-sharenting.html>

Parents should not post photos of their children on social media. Discuss.

[illegible]



# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. SOCIAL MEDIA:** Make a poster about social media. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SHARENTING:** Write a magazine article about sharenting. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on social media and sharenting. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on parents sharing photos of their children online. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T      b T      c F      d T      e T      f F      g F      h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. urging       | a. encouraging |
| 2. permission   | b. consent     |
| 3. divided      | c. split       |
| 4. termed       | d. called      |
| 5. combination  | e. mix         |
| 6. prevalent    | f. widespread  |
| 7. vast         | g. huge        |
| 8. conflict     | h. clash       |
| 9. potential    | i. possible    |
| 10. whereabouts | j. location    |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Permission to upload photos
2. A communications watchdog
3. 'Share' and 'parenting'
4. The privacy of under-18s
5. A digital footprint
6. The vast majority
7. More than 80 per cent
8. Pride
9. Digital kidnapping
10. Their whereabouts

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d    2. b    3. c    4. a    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. a    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)