

Unit 8

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Student A

1 You and your partner want to find new hobbies and meet some new friends. Your partner has been looking at some social networking sites. Use these prompts to ask him/her questions about the sites. Remember to respond appropriately to his/her answers.

- what sites your partner has found
- what the sites are for and who they are aimed at
- whether there are any costs involved
- which sites they might use and why / why not
- whether you might be interested in any of the sites and why / why not

You: So, what sort of sites have you found?

Student B: Well, I've found three sites so far. They all look quite interesting ...

2 You have also found three social networking sites that you want to tell your partner about. Read about them and then answer your partner's questions.

Langu.com

We are your one-stop strategy for language-learning. We offer self-study language-learning units and courses in 12 languages. Sign-up for basic membership is free and easy, and you can choose a level to suit your skills, from complete beginner to practically native speaker. Other Langu.com users are your tutors and guides ... simple! Advanced members (€10 / month or €100 / year) also have access to our library of test materials, podcasts, video guides and voice recordings.

Tune-in.com

This is a music site with a difference. Our site creates online communities based on the events, ideas and things that get you thinking in the world of music. Top tens, competitions, reviews, festival updates, interviews, blogs and more. Tune-in is a music site created for you, by you.

Someday.com

Still hoping that someday your prince or princess will turn up on your doorstep? Our surveys have shown that these days, less than 20% of long-term relationships start in the workplace or among friendship groups. Let us help you find your perfect partner. Over 75% of the couples we introduce go on to form lasting partnerships. (€100 joining fee, refunded after 6 months if we don't find your perfect partner.)

Student B: Right, let's talk about the websites you've found.

You: OK, the first one's called 'Langu.com'. It's a language-learning website.

3 Do you use websites to talk about your hobbies or share interests with other people? Or to learn a language or meet friends? Discuss with your partner.

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Student B

- 1** You and your partner want to find new hobbies and meet some new friends. You have found these social networking websites. Read them and then answer your partner's questions.

Getoutofyourhouse.com

Do you always find out too late about what's happening in your area? Do you get the invitation to the club after the party's over? Getoutofyourhouse provides instant updates on everything that's happening near you. Our members create flash mobs and get clubbing before the rest of the world knows anything is happening.

Exploratorus.com

Post your pictures, travel blogs, hotel reviews and share your real travel experiences with real people. We are the Number 1 social networking site for serious travellers. No weekend break warriors need apply: we are the site for adventurers, explorers and pioneers.

Name2aface.com

Many people look back on school, college or university as the happiest days of their lives. But what if the people you knew then could help you now, with a better job, better contacts or just to socialise? Name2aface.com helps you to get in touch with people from your past who may be able to help you in the present to find a better future. Join now for only €5 per month (minimum 6 months).

Student A: So, what sort of sites have you found?

You: Well, I've found three sites so far. They all look quite interesting ...

- 2** Later your partner found three other different social networking websites. Use these prompts to ask him/her questions about them. Remember to respond appropriately to his/her answers.
- what sites your partner has found
 - what the sites are for and who they are aimed at
 - whether there are any costs involved
 - which sites they might use and why/why not
 - whether you might be interested in any of the sites and why / why not

You: Right, let's talk about the websites you've found.

Student A: OK, the first one's called 'Langu.com'. It's a language-learning website.

- 3** Do you use websites to talk about your hobbies or share interests with other people? Or to learn a language or meet friends? Discuss with your partner.