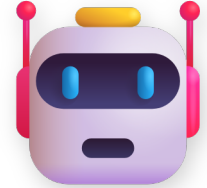




Read the tech article. Classify each statement and explain your reasoning. Watch for confident-sounding opinions without signal words!

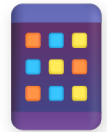
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The Digital Playground: Social Media's Impact



A 2023 report by the Child Health Institute found that 65% of children aged 8-12 in North America use social media platforms regularly.

These platforms allow kids to share photos, videos, and messages with friends and family.



Digital learning specialist Dr. Anya Sharma believes social media can be a wonderful tool for children. She states, "It helps kids connect with friends and explore creative ideas." Her research indicates that 40% of surveyed students felt more connected to their friends because of social media, especially those who moved to new towns.

However, child psychologist Dr. Ben Carter holds a different view. He warns, "Social media is the most dangerous distraction for young minds today." Dr. Carter's studies show a concerning trend: 25% of young users reported feeling anxious or pressured to post perfect pictures online, leading to lower self-esteem.

Many social media companies have age restrictions, usually 13 years old, but children often find ways to create accounts earlier. Parents and educators are constantly looking for ways to ensure safe online experiences.

Some parents argue that strict limits on screen time are the only effective way to protect children from negative influences. Others believe that teaching responsible use and



critical thinking skills is a better approach than outright banning. It's clear that managing social media use is a big challenge for families everywhere. 🌐

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) "A 2023 report found that 65% of children aged 8-12 use social media platforms regularly." FACT or OPINION?

- (A) Fact (B) Opinion

(2) "Social media can be a wonderful tool for children." FACT or OPINION?

- (A) Fact (B) Opinion

(3) "25% of young users reported feeling anxious or pressured to post perfect pictures online." FACT or OPINION?

- (A) Fact (B) Opinion

(4) Dr. Carter states, "Social media is the most dangerous distraction for young minds today." Why is this statement an opinion, even though it comes from an expert?

(5) Find a sentence in the last paragraph that expresses an opinion without using obvious signal words like 'I think' or 'best'. Explain how you identified it.



