

# Snapchat

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## Vocabulary

Repeat each vocabulary word and definition after the teacher.

- **Primarily** Most of the time
  - **Multimedia messages** Messages using pictures, video and sound
  - **Edited** To make changes to
  - **Filters** Something that changes how your picture looks
  - **Text captions** The words written below a picture describing it
  - **User-specified** Something that's chosen by the person using it
  - **Inaccessible** Can't access it anymore, blocked
  - **Determined** Chosen by
  - **Required** Had to be / must do
  - **Screenshot** A picture taken of your screen to be shared later
  - **Microtransaction** A small online payment which is usually between 0.01-5.00 USD
  - **Furra** "For a" (pronounced quickly)
  - **t'view** "To view" (pronounced quickly)
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## Passage

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Read the passage with the teacher, asking questions about content, and then answer the questions on the next page.

Snapchat is an app which is **primarily** used for creating **multimedia messages** referred to as "Snaps". Snaps can consist of a photo or a short video, and can be **edited** to include **filters** and effects, **text captions**, and drawings. Snaps can be directed privately to selected contacts. The private message photo snaps can be viewed **for a user-specified** length of time (1 to 10 seconds as **determined** by the sender) before they become **inaccessible**. Users were previously **required** to hold down on the screen in order to view a Snap. The requirement to hold on the screen was intended to frustrate the ability to take **screenshots** of Snaps. The Snapchat app does not prevent **screenshots** from being taken, but it can **notify** the sender if it detects that it has been saved. One snap per day can be viewed again for free, and additional chances can be purchased using **microtransactions**. Friends can be added via usernames and phone contacts, through the "Add Nearby" function, which scans for users near their location who are also in the "Add Nearby" menu.

Courtesy of Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/Snapchat>

## Checking Understanding

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1. What are Snaps?
2. How many seconds can you choose for Snaps to be seen?
3. What was previously required to see a Snap?
4. What happens if someone takes a screenshot of a Snap?
5. How many Snaps per day can you view again for free?
6. In Snapchat what can you purchase with microtransactions?
7. How can you add friends to Snapchat?
8. How to pronounce “For a” quickly?
9. How to pronounce “To view” quickly?

## Conversation Questions

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*Take turns asking the questions with your teacher, and if there's any time left over you can free chat*

- Do you use Snapchat?
- Do you use any other kinds of social media? Which ones?
- What's your favorite type of social media?
- Do you use Twitter?
- Do follow any famous peoples' social media accounts?
- Whats the funniest thing you've ever Snapped or Tweeted or sent on Facebook?
- Do you think that companies should allow or ban employees from using social networks while working?
- How much time do you spend each day on social network sites or apps?
- Do you use social media more than emails?
- When did you first join social networks?
- Do you know everyone on your friends lists?
- If you could choose between a phone call and messaging on social network which do you choose? What about people older than you? Younger?