



POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Below is a list of some of the most commonly used youth and teen social networking sites and tools.

Ask.fm (<http://ask.fm>)

Participants log on, post a question anonymously and anyone may answer anonymously. "Do you think I am fat?" or "Would you date me?" are examples of questions posted in the past. There have also been examples in which individuals were encouraged to kill themselves. The site has courted controversy by not having workable reporting, tracking or parental control processes, which have become the norm on other social media websites.

Twitter (<https://twitter.com>)

An online social networking and microblogging service that enables users to send and read "tweets", which are text messages limited to 140 characters.

Instagram (<http://instagram.com>)

A photo-sharing app for iPhone.

Kik (<http://kik.com>)

Kik is as an alternative to email or text messaging and its popularity has grown in the last two years. Kik is accessible on smartphones and supports over 4 million users, called "Kicksters." Users are not restricted to sending text messages with Kik. Images, videos, sketches, emoticons and more may be sent. A user can block users on Kik from contacting them.

Wanelo (<http://wanelo.com>)

Wanelo (from Want, Need, Love) sells unique products online, all posted by users. Products posted for sale range from dishes, clothing, intimate wear and other potentially "R-Rated" products.

Vine (<https://vine.co>)

Vine is used to create and share free and instant six-second videos. Topic and content ranges.

Snapchat (<http://www.snapchat.com>)

A photo messaging application. Using the app, users can take photos, record videos, add text and drawings, and send them to a controlled list of recipients. These sent photographs and videos are known as "Snaps". Users set a time limit for how long recipients can view their Snaps (as of May 2012, the range is from 1 to 10 seconds), after which they will be hidden from the recipient's device. All photos ("snaps") are retrievable and never are fully truly deleted.

4chan (<http://4chan.org>)

An imageboard website. Users generally post anonymously, with the most recent posts appearing above the rest. 4chan is split into various boards with their own specific content and guidelines. Known as "/b/" (often pronounced "slash B", or simply "B"), there are minimal rules on posted content. The site's anonymous community and culture have often provoked media attention.

Tumblr (<https://www.tumblr.com>)

Post text, photos, quotes, links, music, and videos from your browser, phone, desktop, email or wherever you happen to be. You can customize everything, from colors to your theme's HTML.

Reddit (<http://www.reddit.com>)

A social news and entertainment website where registered users submit content in the form of either a link or a text ("self") post. Other users then vote the submission "up" or "down", which is used to rank the post and determine its position on the site's pages and front page. Content entries are organized by areas of interest called "subreddits".

Eyeem (<https://www.eyeem.com>)

A free photo-sharing and discovery app for iPhone & Android.

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