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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each online-communication term with its meaning.

1 social network	____	a real-time broadcast over the internet
2 instant messaging	____	b alert about new activity or information
3 notification	____	c online discussion made up of connected responses
4 subscriber	____	d service for sending messages immediately
5 privacy settings	____	e person who signs up to receive content or a service
6 comment thread	____	f online platform for connecting and sharing with others
7 live stream	____	g controls deciding who can see personal information
8 video conference	____	h online meeting in which participants see and hear one another

2 Complete the online-communication collocations.

block | **comment** | **connect** | **mute** | **privacy** | **stream** | **subscribe** | **viral**

1 adjust your _____ settings

2 _____ to a channel

3 leave a _____

4 _____ another user

5 go _____ online

6 _____ a live event

7 _____ your microphone

8 _____ with people abroad

3 Correct one mistake in each sentence.

1 I subscribed on the channel yesterday. _____

2 The story became virus within hours. _____

3 Please silence your microphone. _____

4 She did a comment below the video. _____

5 We connected to our partners by a video conference. _____

6 Check who can view your private information settings. _____

7 They transmitted live the concert online. _____

8 I blocked him to seeing my profile. _____

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4 Complete the community update with words from the box.

blocked | comments | conference | connected | notifications | privacy | streamed | subscribers

The museum **1** _____ its opening event live. More than 2,000 **2** _____ received **3** _____ when it began. Viewers posted questions in the **4** _____. Staff then **5** _____ with schools through a video **6** _____. One abusive account was **7** _____, and users were reminded to review their **8** _____ settings.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

A neighbourhood information group

Residents created an online group to share road closures, lost-pet notices and local events. Membership grew quickly, but repeated posts and arguments made useful information hard to find. Moderators introduced topic labels, combined duplicate posts and published simple rules. They removed personal phone numbers from public comments and asked members to report urgent safety issues directly to the authorities rather than relying only on the group.

1 What information did residents share? _____

2 What two problems appeared as the group grew? _____

3 How did topic labels help? _____

4 What happened to duplicate posts? _____

5 What private information was removed? _____

6 Where should urgent safety issues be reported? _____

6 Rewrite using the word in capitals.

1 Sign up to receive the channel's content. **SUBSCRIBE** _____

2 The post spread extremely quickly online. **VIRAL** _____

3 Stop that user from contacting you. **BLOCK** _____

4 Decide who can see your information. **PRIVACY** _____

OVER TO YOU

Write a **100-120 word** guide for managing an online group. Include membership, posts, comments, privacy, notifications and moderation.

[ ] Use at least ten target expressions. [ ] State clear rules. [ ] Protect private information.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Online-communication terms

1 **f** 2 **d** 3 **b** 4 **e** 5 **g** 6 **c** 7 **a** 8 **h**

2 Online collocations

1 **privacy** 2 **subscribe** 3 **comment** 4 **block** 5 **viral** 6 **stream** 7 **mute** 8 **connect**

3 Corrections

1 subscribed **to** 2 became **viral** 3 **mute** your microphone 4 **left** a comment
5 connected **with** our partners 6 **privacy settings** 7 **live-streamed** the concert 8 blocked him **from** seeing

4 Community update

1 **streamed** 2 **subscribers** 3 **notifications** 4 **comments** 5 **connected** 6 **conference** 7 **blocked** 8 **privacy**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 Closures, lost pets and events. 2 Repeated posts and arguments. 3 They made information easier to find.
4 They were combined. 5 Phone numbers. 6 Directly to the authorities.

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 **Subscribe** to the channel. 2 The post went **viral**. 3 **Block** that user. 4 Adjust your **privacy settings**.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check online-group vocabulary, practical moderation and privacy protection.