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Worksheet 4A

You have read the views of Samir and Liu. Now read a third view about mobile phones.

Zainab

In today's super-connected world, parents are concerned that their children are constantly on their phones on social media, messaging and posting. Are parents right to be worried?

Parents are concerned about all this screen-time. They worry about the dangers of technology addiction, reduced concentration, identity theft and a lack of 'real' friends. Parents naturally want to protect their children. Their own newsfeeds are full of stories of how social media is bad. It is clear the internet has a negative side. Children can certainly be exposed to negative influences on social media. For example, cyberbullies can target victims from behind their screens.

On the other hand, today's young people have never known a world without the internet and social media. Studies show that children use social media successfully to educate themselves. They can develop interests and connections. They are also more skilled than their own parents at telling the difference between fact and opinion. They can spot 'fake news' and internet scams more easily. They are also more engaged in politics and social issues.

Overall, parents do have reason to worry, but should see the positives of social media too. Research suggests that the risks of social media are balanced by the rewards.

- Rank the three views in terms of bias, from most biased (1) to least (3).

Samir ☐

Liu ☐

Zainab ☐

- Think about the view you feel is most biased. Give one reason why.

- 3** Think about the view you feel is least biased. Give one reason why.

- 4** Give two clear examples, each from the text, of how each person expresses their bias or lack of bias.

Samir (2 examples)	Liu (2 examples)	Zainab (2 examples)