UNIT 3 THE INTERNET

Reading and Thinking

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What do you usually do on the Internet?

Did the Internet change your life? How?

stronger?

explain
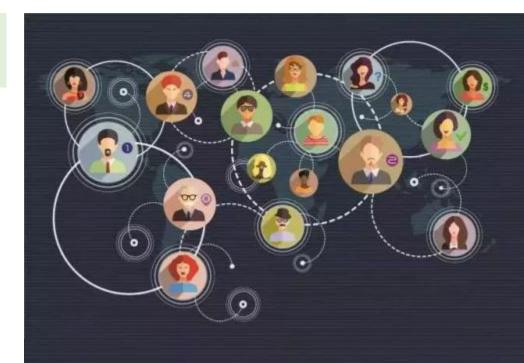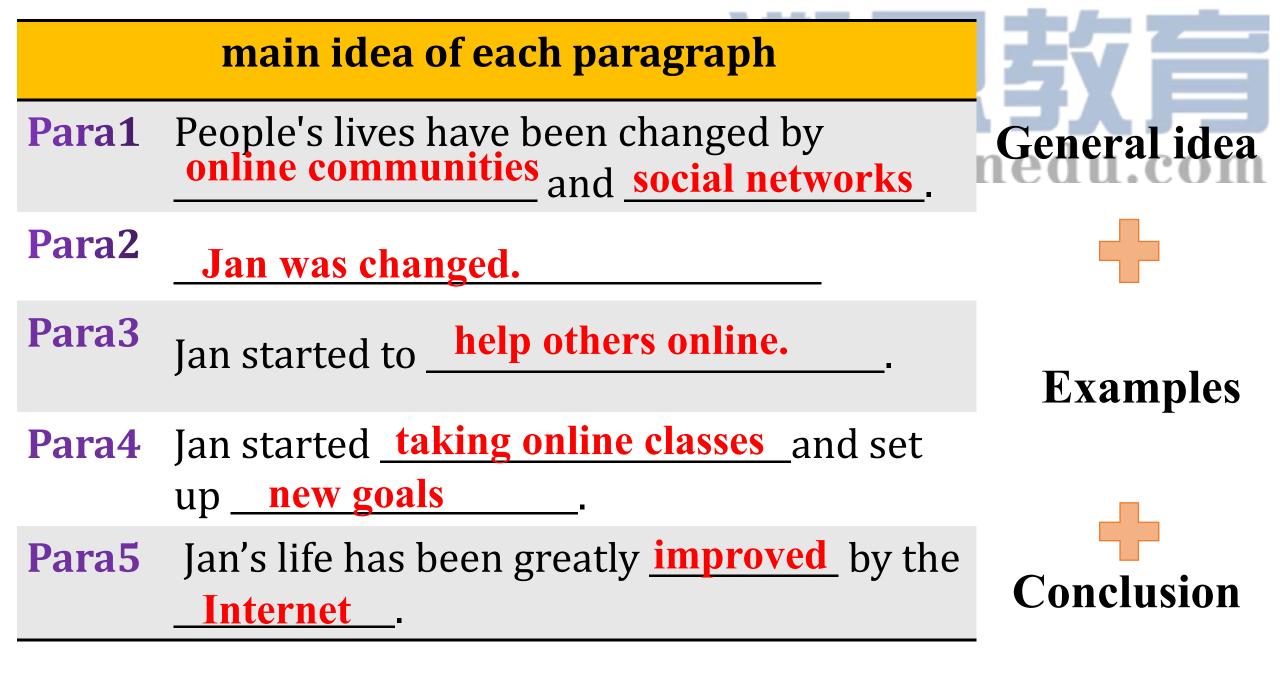
Stronger Together ： **(colon)**
How We Have Been Changed by the Internet

be changed by the Internet

examples

main idea of each paragraph	
Para1	People's lives have been changed by **online communities** and **social networks**.	**General idea**
Para2	**Jan was changed.**	
Para3	Jan started to **help others online.**	**Examples**
Para4	Jan started **taking online classes** and set up **new goals**.	
Para5	Jan's life has been greatly **improved** by the **Internet**.	**Conclusion**

Q1: What's the topic sentence?
Q2: What convenience does the Internet bring us?

amazing benefits/ advantages

Much has been written about the wonders of the World Wide Web. There are **countless articles** telling us how the Internet has made our lives more convenient. We no longer have to wait in line or carry cash around when we go shopping. We can get the most updated information from large databases. We can download software, documents, and images whenever we need them. But the Internet has done much more for people than simply *make life more convenient.* People's lives have been changed by online communities and social networks.

stress

Jan was changed.

her personality **+** social network online communities **+** Internet

actions

feelings

career

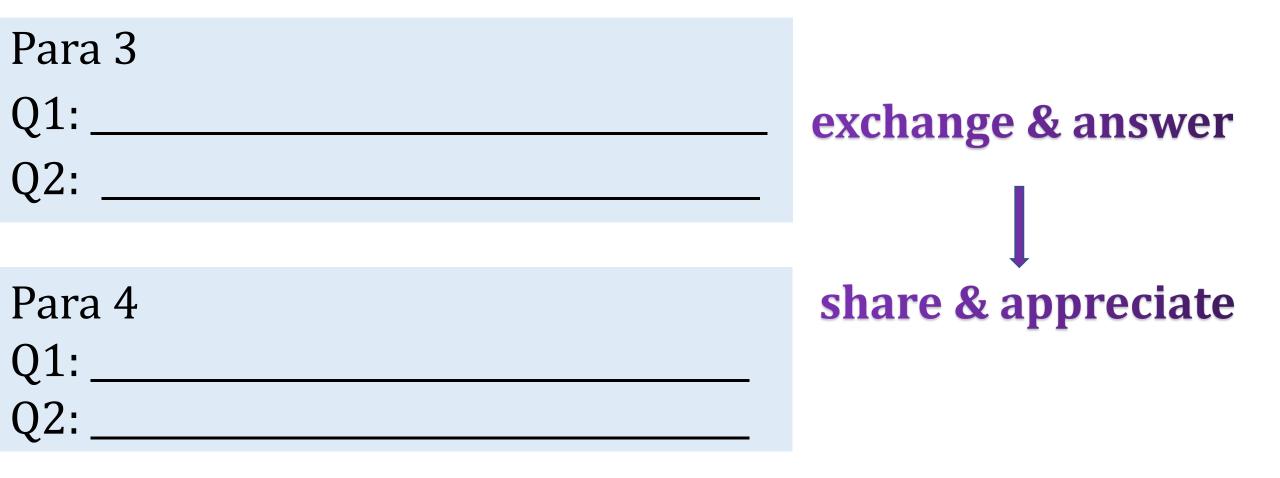| seriously ill and jobless | with *only* her computer to keep her company | **surf the internet:** *stream* vedios and music, *play* games, *explore* the world | **join an online group:** talk about problems, get support and advice | **remove the distance** between people | ? |

feel lonely aimless　　　　**feel less lonely and bored**　　　　**be supported**　　**inspired**　　**?**

Pair work (5 minutes)
Read your paragraph carefully and then work with your deskmate to raise two questions.

Para 3

Q1: _____

Q2: _____

exchange & answer

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share & appreciate

Para 4

Q1: _____

Q2: _____

What can we learn from her experiences?

open-minded; optimistic; responsible

Jan's life has been greatly improved by the internet. "When you go through tough times, you meet others who are facing similar challenges," Jan says. "Thinking about other people's situations inspired me to offer help."

We learn that when we go through tough times, we can find help and support from other people online.
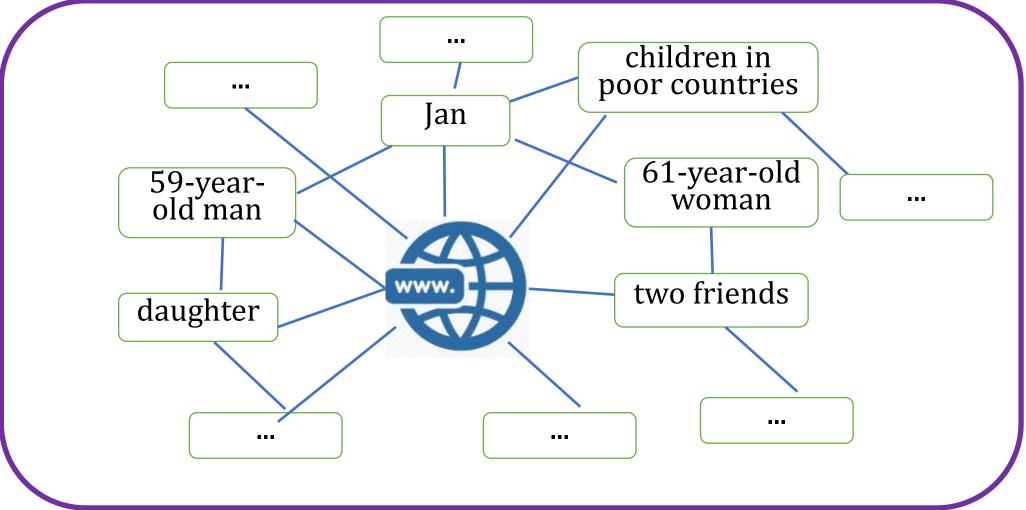
We also learn that we can feel less lonely by creating or joining communities on the Internet, and that we can even use the internet to achieve our goals.

We learn to think about other people's situations and then offer help.

recipient

giver

...

...

children in poor countries

Jan

59-year-old man

61-year-old woman

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www.

daughter

two friends

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Students' Questions

Para3

1.Why did Jan teach old people how to use computers and the Internet?

2.How does the 61-year-old woman change?

3.Why did Jan start such a club?

4.Whether the people who join the club need to pay for money or not?

Para4

1.What is the meaning of "bridge digital divide"?

2.Why did Jan take classes online?

3.What's the conclusion(effect?) as everyone has access to the Internet and knows how to use it?