Have you taken a selfie lately? What type of selfie was it? What type of selfies do you take? What do you think of selfies? Why do you think people take so many selfies?

Exams This reading and listening activity will help prepare you for English exams such as KET and TOEFL.

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Pre-reading

different types of selfie.

Look at the pictures of the

How many of them can you

identify? How many of them

have you taken? Which ones

would you never take? Why?

Read or listen to the article

once. What's your favourite

type of selfie? Why? What's

your least favourite? Why?

Read the article again. Then,

write the correct type of selfie

1. It's often taken with a

well-known person.

2. It's also known as a

morning selfie.

3. It's a picture of you

3 Reading II

next to each statement.

Reading I

FERENT TYPES SELFIE!

smartphone selfportraits or "selfies" are taken and shared every day. But not all selfies are the



The bed selfie Take a picture of yourself in bed. Also known as a morning selfie.



A beach feet selfie A picture of your feet with

the sand and sea in the background. Guaranteed to make your friends jealous while they're



stuck in an office.

A food selfie A picture of you

with a plate of food that you're about to eat.



The gym selfie A picture taken

of you at the gym, with

some impressive equipment in the background.



The drunk selfie

A selfie of you while you're drunk.



The duckface selfie

For this selfie, simply push out your lips

and make them look bigger and sexier. Also known as a trout pout selfie.



A friends selfie

Take a horizontal picture of you

with lots of friends to show just how popular you are.



The shy selfie A picture of you looking

shy and

awkward, as if you didn't want the picture taken... even though it was you who



Belfie An abbreviated

form of "bottom selfie", this is

a self-portrait showing your backside. This is popular among celebrities such as Kim Kardashian and Rihanna.



holiday selfie A picture of

you in some exotic location.

Guaranteed to make your friends jealous.



The famous friends selfie

Take a picture of yourself with

someone famous, then let all your friends know about it.



The badass selfie

A picture of yourself looking really

mean and hard, even though the worst thing you've ever done is to cross the road when the lights were red.



The happy couple selfie A picture

that says,

"Look, I've got a wonderful boyfriend/girlfriend."



The naked selfie

Naked selfies are often used for **sexting**.

Democratic congressman Anthony Wiener became internationally famous after sending naked selfies to a number of women.



inappropriate selfie

A selfie taken at an inappropriate

moment, such as at a funeral, or like the one David McCarthy took after German cyclist Marcel Kittel had collapsed to the ground with exhaustion, or the one a young man took of himself at Eastbourne pier (in southern England), which was in blazes. O

VIDEO

You Tube

Find out how to take the perfect selfie. Search YouTube for "How to Take The Perfect Selfie".

GLOSSARY

a self portrait n

a photo you take of yourself, or a painting you paint of yourself stuck adj

if you're "stuck" in an office, you're trapped there and can't leave a trout pout n

someone with a "trout pout" has thick lips

(the part of your mouth you use for kissing). Literally, a "trout" is a type of fish; a "pout" is a look in which you push out your lips. Kids sometimes do it when they're angry

shy *adj* a "shy" person is nervous in the company of other people awkward adj

someone who feels "awkward" feels uncomfortable or nervous

If you're "jealous" of another person, you feel angry because you aren't in their situation

"mean" person is violent or cruel

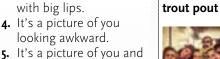
hard ac strong both physically and mentally

sexting *n* the act of sending messages with sexually explicit photos between mobile phones

Congressman n an elected member of the House of Representatives in the USA

a wooden structure that goes into the sea. It often has shops or theatres on it

if something is "in blazes", it's burning



your partner. 6. It's guaranteed to make

your friends jealous.