



## Key Vocabulary

- overwhelm
- velocity
- persona
- impersonate
- advocate
- pseudonym
- anonymity
- debacle
- isolate
- virtual
- solitude
- superficial
- transparent
- indifferent
- distract
- seek

## Key Idioms and Slang

- ratchet down
- throttle back
- tuck away
- get a grip
- given that
- horse is out of the barn
- face-to-face
- identity theft

## Key Structure

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### Wish statements

I wish that traveling to Europe wasn't so expensive.

## Conversation Starters

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- Do you know anyone who spends too much time online?
- How do you think people can reduce the amount of time they spend on smartphones?
- Do you think digital communication is more superficial than face-to-face communication?
- Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the amount of information online?
- Have you ever created a fictional online identity?  
How did you use it?

## Learning Tools

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### Song

*Online*

by Brad Paisley

### Movie

*Her*

starring Joaquin Phoenix

### Website

*Mashable*

[www.mashable.com](http://www.mashable.com)

