You, your phone, & data.

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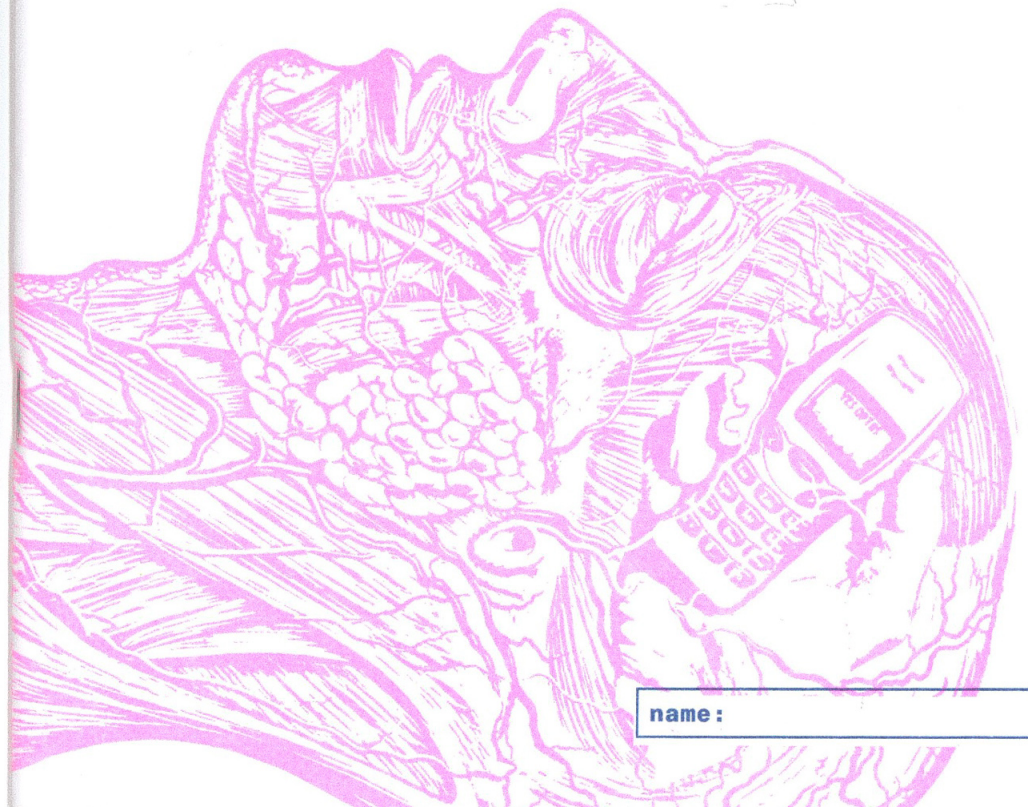

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My phone is...
the *apple of my eye*? the *light of my life*? a *broken compass*? the *wind beneath my wings*? the *flame in my heart*? a *ship lost at sea*? my *guiding star*? *steering me towards rocks*?

I use my *phone* to...

rarely/never	0
sometimes	1
often	2

0 1 2 → **wake up**
as an alarm clock...

0 1 2 → **keep myself on track**
set timers and reminders, keep a diary...

0 1 2 → **make me feel safe**
keeping it close to me as I walk home, as a flashlight, or in case of emergency...

0 1 2 → **stay healthy**
to track my calories, workouts, steps, emotions, or for meditation...

0 1 2 → **get around**
tell me a how to get somewhere, or check public transit...

0 1 2 → **work**
to apply for jobs, earn money by taking gigs or sell things online...

0 1 2 → **access necessary services**
use my school's apps, or verify my identify...or sell things online...

0 1 2 → **plan ahead**
to make reminders, or use the calendar...

0 1 2 → **record a moment**
as a camera, a voice recorder, for taking notes, or even as a diary...

0 1 2 → **communicate**
save addresses or phone numbers, chat with friends and family, send private messages...

0 1 2 → **distract me when I am bored**
check social media, videos, doomscroll...

0 1 2 → **have fun**
play games, stream videos, or music...

0 1 2 → **be social**
hang out in virtual communities (Discord, Group Chats, Steam, Games, etc), *meet new people, share personal stories, or pictures...*

0 1 2 → **as a wallet**
make purchases using connected bank cards or cryptocurrency...

0 1 2 → **read books & the news**
use apps, social media to learn about current events, read, or listen to audiobooks...

0 1 2 → **do homework & learn**
research topics, as a calculator, check spelling, & write essays...

0 1 2 → **watch TV**
use apps and subscription services to stream content...

0 1 2 → **feed myself**
find restaurants, check reviews, look up recipes, order food or groceries...

0 1 2 → **fix my appearance**
use the camera as a mirror, find clothing stores or online recommendations, order clothing items...

count up your score: **/38**

You or your phone... who is the *captain steering the ship*? who is *holding the reins*? who is the *engine driving this train*?

We'll be doing this activity in pairs, on a big worksheet.

Who is my phone?
Is it... an
energizer bunny?
an *obedient*
dog? a *squirrel*
preparing for
winter? a *raccoon*
going through your
garbage?

Who is my phone?

We're going to **imagine our phone as a living thing**. A mythical animal made up of all different kinds of familiar species.

To help you see what kind of animal your phone might be, **answer the following questions and consider which animal your phone most closely resembles**.

my phone uses a _____ *of energy like a* _____

lot
smidge
glut

nocturnal bat

my phone is active during the _____ *like a* _____

day
night

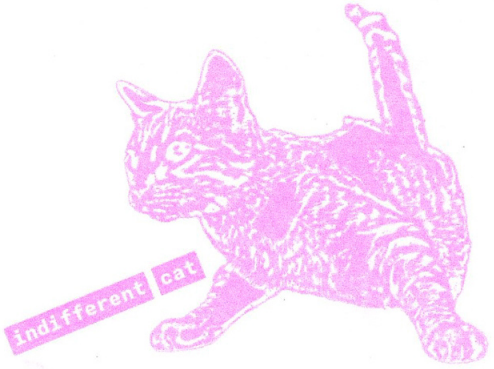
energizer bunny

stalking cougar

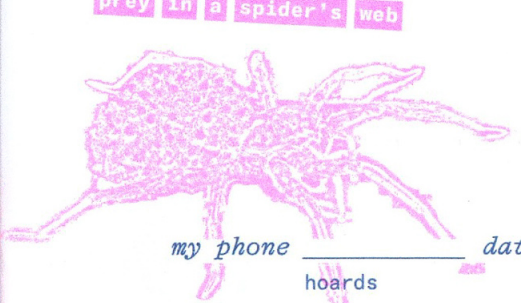
obediant dog

my phone listens to me _____ *like a* _____

not at all
poorly
precicely
too much
creepily



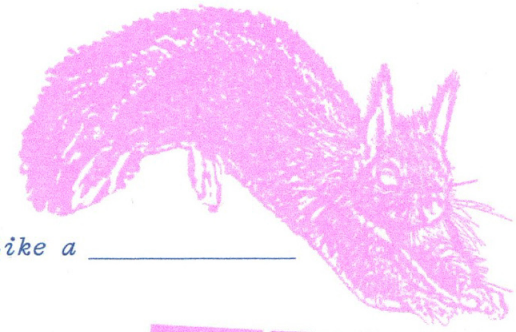
indifferent cat



prey in a spider's web

my phone _____ *data like a* _____

hoards
siphons
gathers
collects



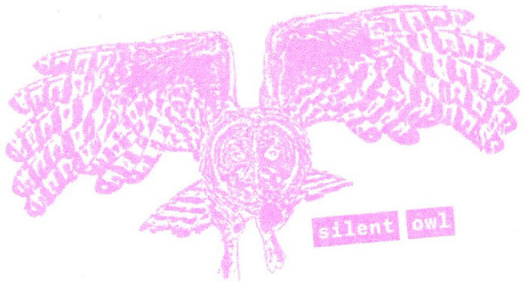
squirrel preparing for winter

bellowing seal

chittering baboon

my phone sounds like a _____ *, its very* _____

quiet
in the background
distracting
anxiety inducing
loud



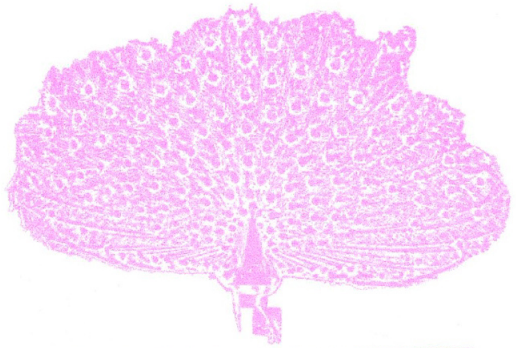
silent owl

helpless marmot

crabby crab

my phone is so _____ *like a* _____

- independent
- empowered
- needy
- helpless



peacock performing for a mate

two otters holding hands

my phone prefers to be connected to _____ *like a* _____

- everyone
- just me
- a few people
- family

gaggle of crows

herd of deer

stubborn donkey

TikTok
YouTube
Spotify
Steam

my phone's _____ *is* _____ *like a* _____

- stubborn
- susceptible
- gullible
- rebellious

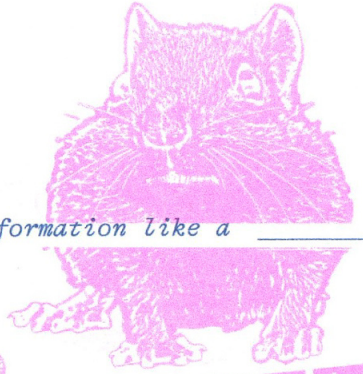
honeybadger don't care

lemmings going off a cliff

my phone is _____ *with my personal information like a* _____

- thoughtless
- sloppy
- cautious
- careful

raccoon going through your garbage



mouse protecting its cheese

We're going to *imagine our phone as a mythical animal* inspired by the metaphors you have come up with to describe it.

Chose 3 of your metaphors, that best describe your phone.

1

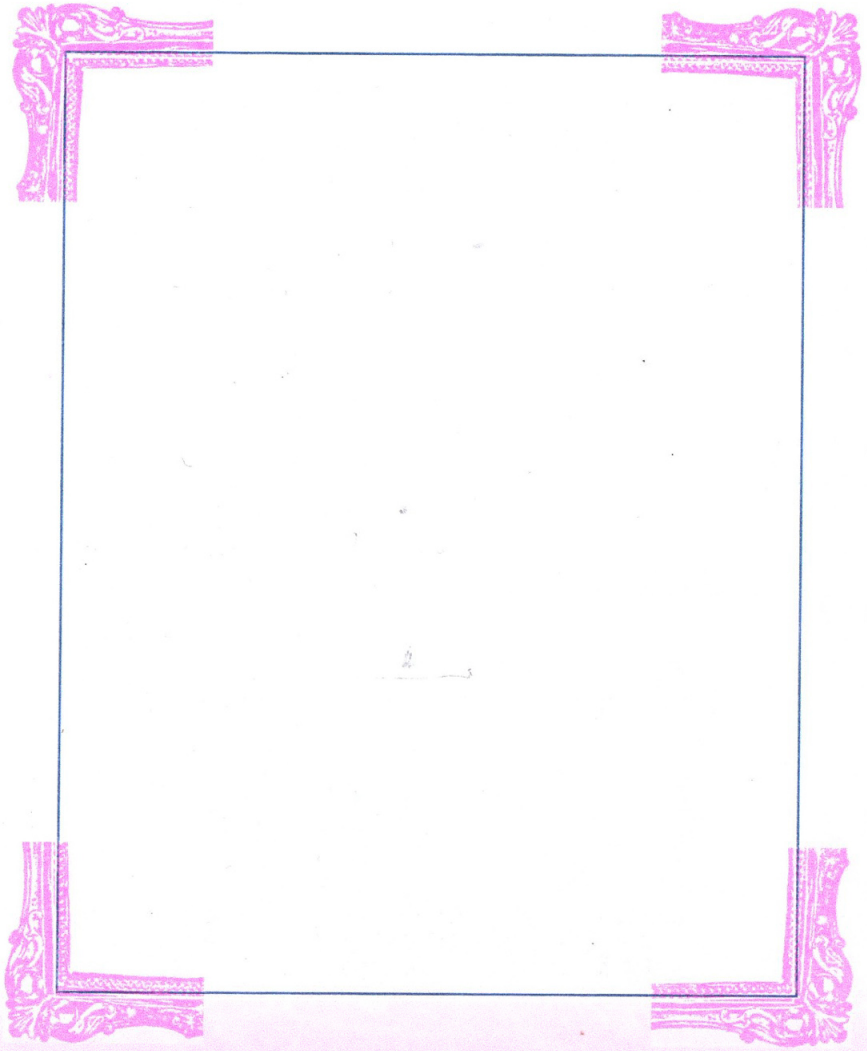
2

3

Based on your answers, create a collage from the cutout animals and charcoal that represents the *mythical shadow animal* that is your phone.

GLUE COLLAGE HERE

explain how the elements you have included describe your phone



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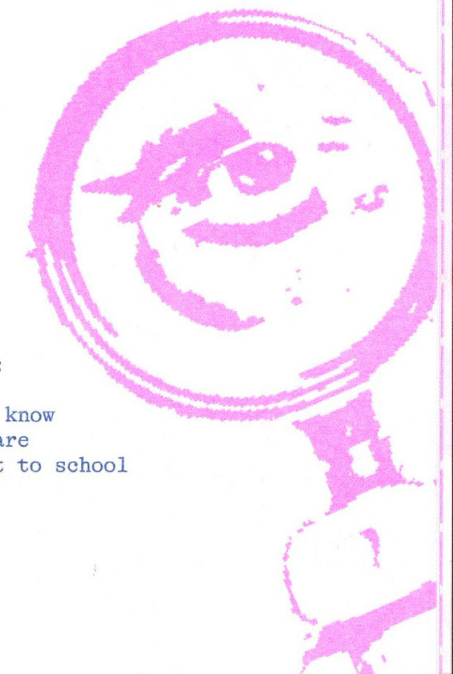
Social media has me... *doom scrolling*... feeling *brain dead*... like I've got *zombie thumbs*...

Data is any kind of facts, details, **or** any set of information **collected from the** environment, **from** other people **or from** ourselves.



Things that have been **turned into data** include:

- Who you are, what you look like and what you know
- What you value, who your friends and family are
- Where you go, where your home is, how you get to school
- When you watch, text or post online
- What you like and why you like something
- How you make choices, who you'll vote for
- Even, what youv think about

New metaphors for our experiences of data

We're going to explore how social media **plays with our emotions and actions** while *using our data against us*.

Then, we will illustrate our new understandings of **social media** through metaphor and collage.

Which **social media** app, or platform do you most use? *Circle one...*

TikTok Instagram Facebook

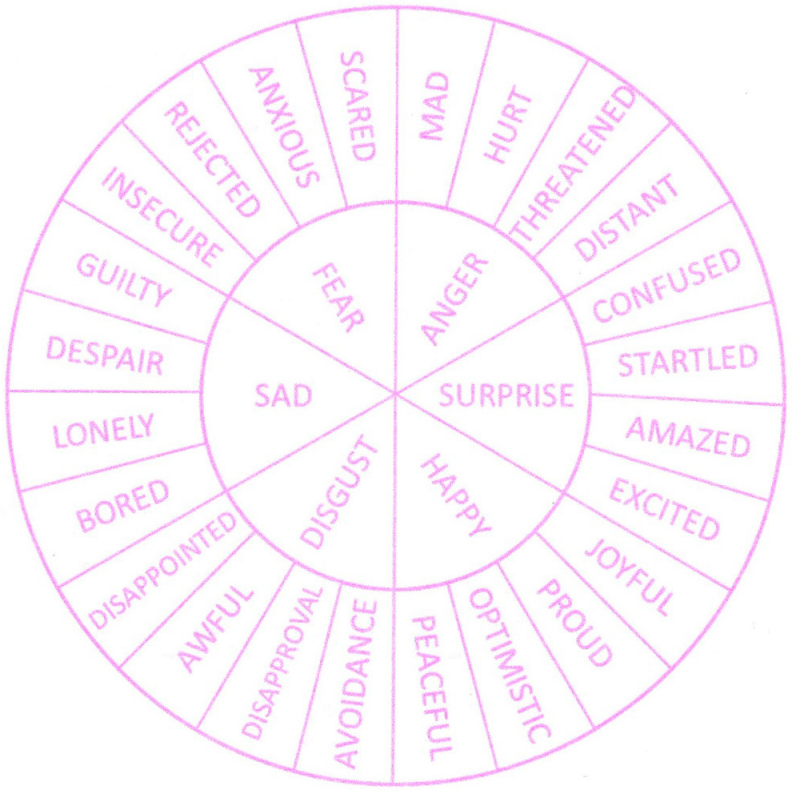
Twitter/X SnapChat Reddit

Youtube Other?

I go on **social media** to...

What kinds of emotions do you experience while using social media? *Highlight three to five from the wheel below, or add your own.*

When I'm on **I feel....**



If you're struggling, try thinking about these questions...

- When was the last time you felt this emotion?
- How strong was this emotion on a scale from 1 to 10?
- How long did it last?
- What were you thinking about when you felt that way?

ACTIONS

→ Post	→ Engage	→ Pin	→ Highlight
→ Share	→ DM	→ Subscribe	→ Archive
→ Like	→ Retweet	→ View	→ Reposte
→ Comment	→ Hashtag	→ Browse	→ Screenshot
→ Tag	→ Update	→ Promote	→ Broadcast
→ Follow	→ Mute	→ Discover	→ Follow
→ Unfollow	→ Block	→ Explore	→ Save
→ Scroll	→ Upload	→ Respond	
→ Connect	→ Edit	→ Filter	

What kinds of actions or habits do you perform while on social media? *If you're having trouble thinking of some, circle your top 5 from the list below.*

- How often do you do these actions?
- Are they conscious or unconscious?

STEP 1

Write down the emotions you highlighted and the actions you circled:

my emotions list:	*my actions list:*
→	→
→	→
→	→
→	→

STEP 2

Link the **emotions** to a particular **action.**

Chose combinations that sound *interesting* or *evocative.*

For example:
Angry + Block = *Angry Blocking*

STEP 3

Choose one of your pairs to **illustrate into a new metaphor**, on the seperate sheet!

STEP 4

After creating your illustration, write on the next page a short description of your metaphor and how it relates to your experience when using social media.

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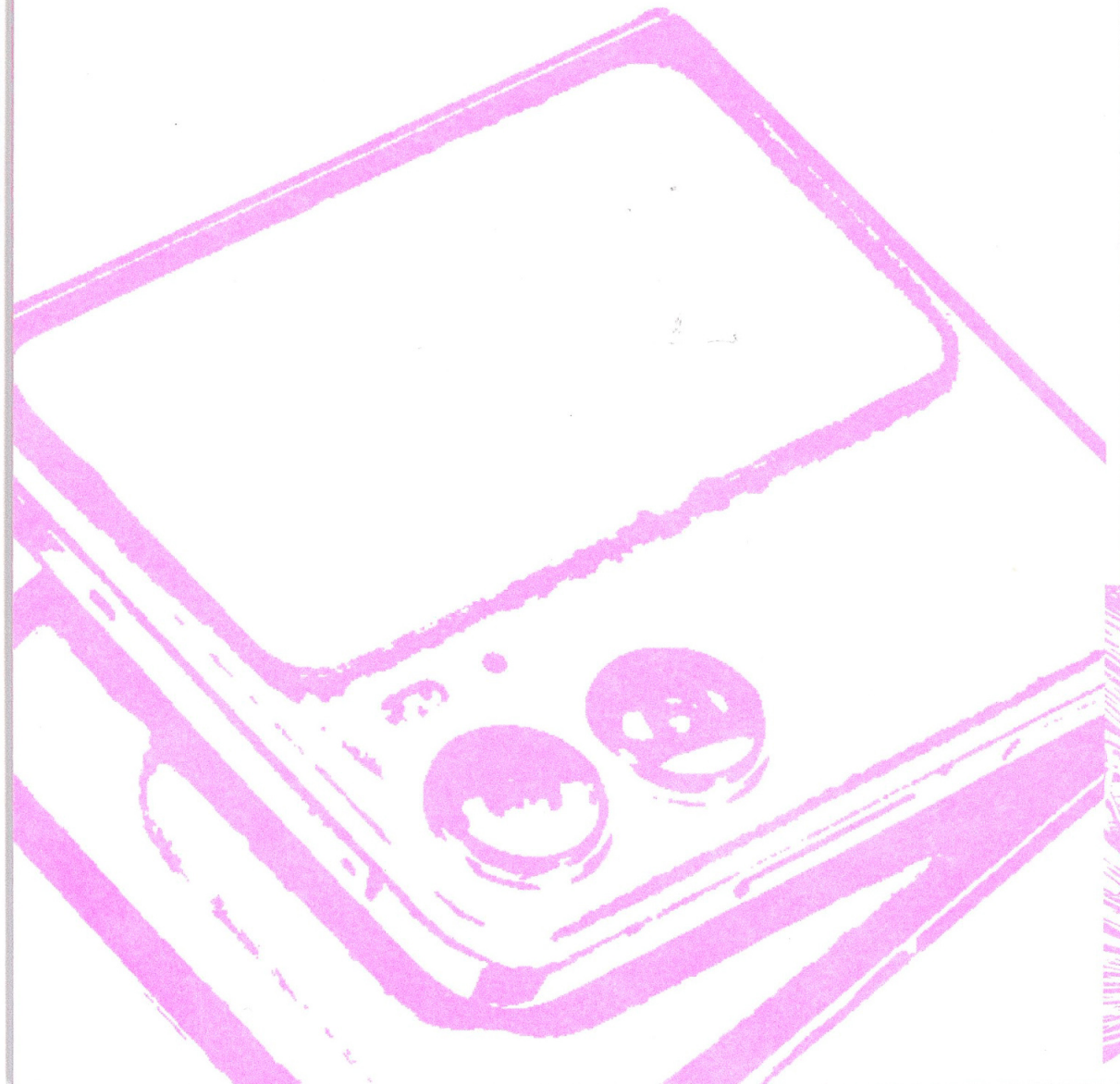
OR HERE...

OR EVEN HERE...

My metaphor is...

It relates to my experience of when using social media because...