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With the advent of technology and the online world, the commonness of making friends in the virtual world has increased. Friends help a person grow and support one another in the ups and downs of life. Having good friends is everyone’s desire and man being a social animal is always looking for opportunities to make friends. Making friends online is very easy and also offers an opportunity to make friends from different parts of the world. The tendency of making friends online is also very high so it is fruitful to know how it differs from making friends in the real world.

In addition, I was very captivated by the topic and have also made some online friends whom I look up to when I need a piece of advice. Social media is a platform that allowed me to interact with several different people from different parts of the world and I was able to make many friends. I am familiar with the fact that making friends online is not the same as making real friends, but I was keen to unearth more underlying factors concerning the topic. Furthermore, there are always perks and drawbacks of making friends online and in real-time. This essay will help me explore that.

Learning the grounds on which developing/sustaining friendships in real life and developing/sustaining friendships online is different, will also make me evaluate which one is better. In addition to that I will learn how to deal with both types of friends, and what to expect and what not to expect. It will also uncover some of the issues with which I have to familiarize myself.

Thesis: Making and sustaining friendships online shares many similarities and differences with real-time friendship, but the question of trust, hoax and socialization remains in online friendship.