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What is Twitter?

Created by Jack Dorsey in 2006, Twitter is a social networking service that enables users to send and read other user messages called Tweets. These are essentially text messages but with data held on the internet rather than your phone.

You can send 140 character messages, which includes spaces, and these appear on the author's profile page. They are publicly visible by default but can be hidden from Twitter users outside your, or your child's, group of friends (*see section 2 for more on this*).

Users may subscribe to other author tweets, known as *following*. Subscribers are known as *followers*. Users can follow individual authors or create lists of authors to follow.

Tweets can be sent or received through the www.twitter.com website, external applications or text services on mobile phones. It has over 100million users across the world.

Creating a Twitter Account

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SkipArnold On a rooftop downtown, wrapped in a blanket, watching a movie with some of my dear friends. Such a good night. Birthday in an hour an half! 4 hours ago

PritishNandy If fuel prices must be marked to market, why not prices in the Parliament canteen? Where else in India can you get lunch for under Rs 10? 4 hours ago

DonghaeBiased [NEWS] It has been CONFIRMED that Siwon & Donghae will be filming drama series SKIP BEAT with Ariel Lin. 3 hours ago

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