

distort – to change or affect something, especially in a way that makes it worse

1 Discuss the questions with a partner.

- How often do you look at posts on social media?
- Is it important to check spelling and grammar mistakes while sharing posts or writing messages? Why or why not?
- Do you think that our language has been distorted? Why or why not?

2 Read the comments and answer the questions.


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It is a pity that people write with so many mistakes. It all started with the wide use of mobile phones in the XX century. At that time, there wasn't Azerbaijani alphabet in the keyboard language of mobile phones.

If they had added Azerbaijani alphabet, people wouldn't have started using 'e' instead of 'ə', 'u' instead of 'ü', 'sh' instead of 'ş', 'c' instead of 'ç', 'i' 'I' or 'o' instead of 'ö'.⁽¹⁾

It is a pity that you can hardly find a post with proper Azerbaijani. How the language has been distorted ! For me, all blame should lay on social media. If they hadn't invented social media, illiterate people wouldn't have started publicising their thoughts or opinions that widely.

Such people would have had better language skills if they had spent their time reading a book instead of surfing social media.⁽²⁾

1. What are the commenters complaining about?
2. What was the reason for the distorted spelling of the vowels of Azerbaijani alphabet according to the first commenter?
3. What was the reason for the distorted language according to the second commenter?

3 Look at the underlined conditional sentences in Task 2 and choose the correct option.

1. In Third Conditional, the actions in the sentences refer to the **past / present**.
2. The 'if clause' **can come either first or second / always comes first**.
3. We use **would have / past perfect** after 'if'.