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Viral English: Parasocial — When a Creator Feels Like a Friend

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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

parasocial relationship

DEF

A sense of personal connection to a public figure or character one does not know personally.

Often one-sided; enjoying someone's work alone does not establish such a relationship.

She feels a parasocial connection to the writer.

The article discusses parasocial relationships with creators.

2

feel connected to someone

DEF

Feel a sense of closeness or connection to someone.

The phrase alone does not say whether the feeling is mutual.

I feel connected to that creator.

Listeners may feel connected to a presenter.

3

one-sided relationship

DEF

A relationship in which involvement or knowledge is not shared equally.

One-sided describes imbalance, not necessarily harm or wrongdoing.

Their relationship feels one-sided.

A parasocial connection is often one-sided.

4

mutual

DEF

Shared by both people or sides.

A mutual friendship involves both people; interaction online can be more complex.

Their support is mutual.

A mutual friendship involves both friends.