

Social Media

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Communicate Online competency:



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Introduction

The Digital Skills for Life (DSL) guide is a collection of booklets that is designed to help you learn essential digital skills for daily living. It offers step-by-step instructions and quick tips that empowers you to navigate the digital landscape confidently and safely.

It is designed for anyone who wants to pick up essential digital skills for daily living.

The DSL skills are grouped into 5 competency areas as shown in the diagram.

Learning Outcomes:

This guidebook focuses on the 'Communicate Online' competency, where you will learn:

- The common social media apps, their icons and identify them using their logos.
- The common features (UI) and common steps (UX) to use the social media apps.
- Useful cybersecurity tips to stay safe online.

To help you acquire the learning outcome, this guidebook uses different social media platforms as examples to demonstrate the common steps involved in using social media for communication with others.

DSL



The guidebook is based on common software icons and mobile device settings. Please note that certain features may differ across different mobile devices and models.

Cyber Security Tips

To stay safe while using social media apps, please keep to the following:



Do not open or download any unverified links or attachments from unknown sources.



Do not share personal or financial details, passwords or one-time password (OTP) with anyone.



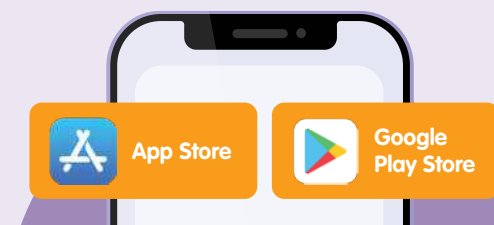
Block unknown users that send you unsolicited chats.



Enable two-factor (2FA) authentication.



Check for updates and **update your app promptly** to protect your devices from known security vulnerabilities.



Download apps from **official** sources.

Understanding Social Media Apps

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About Social Media

Social media refers to online platforms and websites that allow users to create and share content, connect with others, and engage in various forms of communication. It has become an essential component of modern communication, serving both personal and professional purposes.

Unlike traditional forms of communication, such as phone calls or letters, social media enables instant and widespread interaction, often reaching large audiences across the globe. It facilitates the exchange of ideas, information, and media content in real-time, fostering connections and relationships among individuals, businesses, and communities.

Popular social media platforms include Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok.

Pre-requisites to learning the app

Learners must:

- Have a mobile device (either iOS or Android) connected to either cellular network or Wi-Fi with a working camera.
- Know how to install an app on the mobile device.



Facebook



Instagram

Common Features Across Different Social Media Apps

Facebook



Instagram



Home Icon

Return to the app's homepage.



Post Icon

Tap on these icons to create a post.

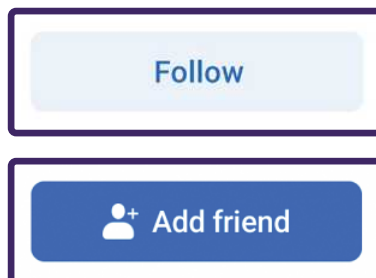
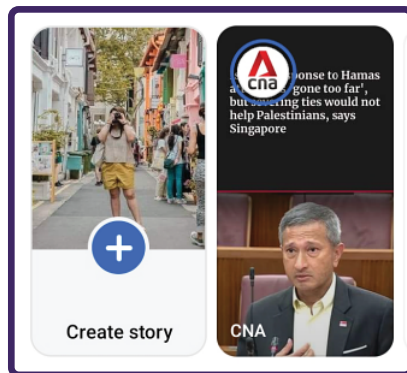
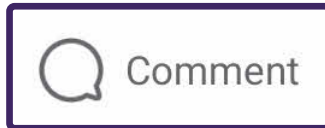


Like Icon

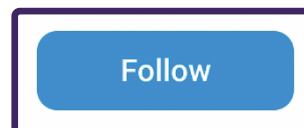
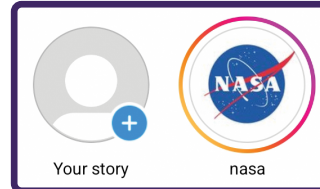
Tap on the "Thumbs-up" or "Heart" icon to like a post.

Common Features Across Different Social Media Apps

Facebook



Instagram



Comment Icon

Tap on these icons to leave your comments on a post.

Create or View a Story Icon

Create and view short videos, known as stories, which will expire in 24 hours.

Follow or Add a Friend Icon

Tap on these icons to follow a page or add a friend to view their feed.

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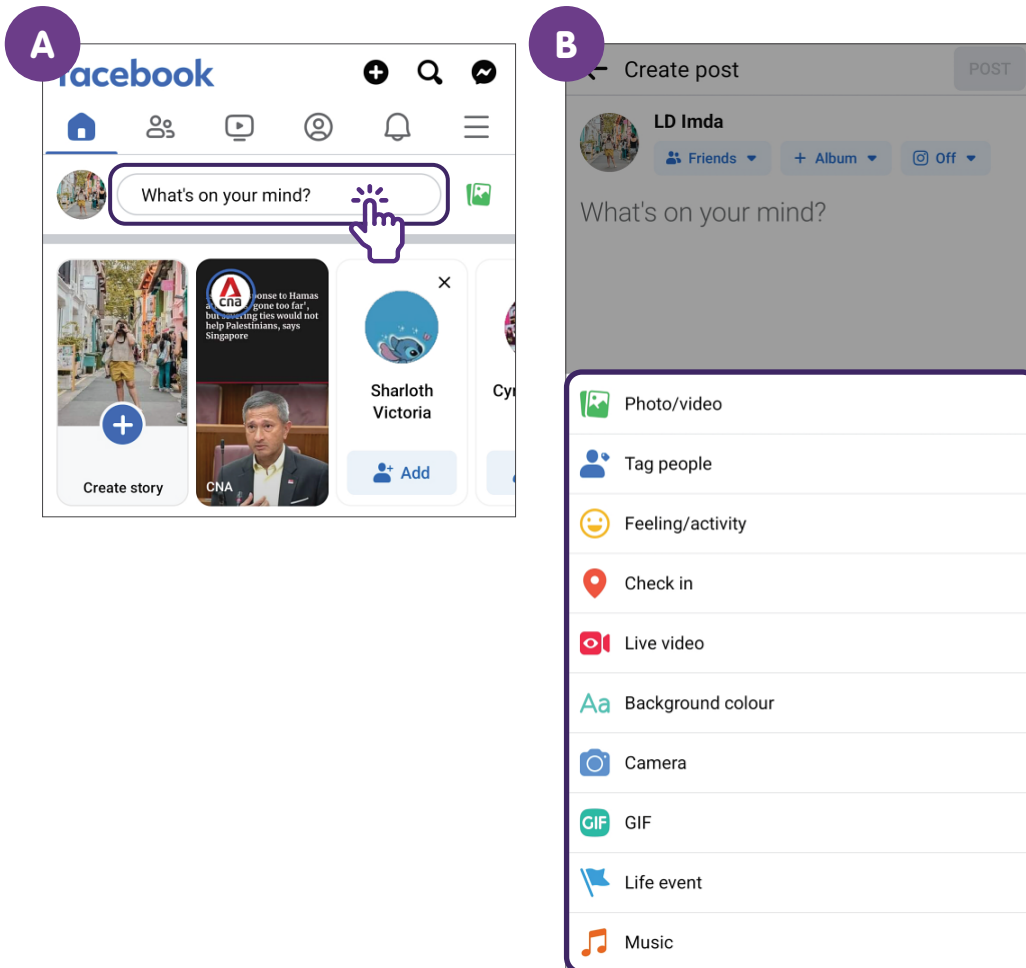
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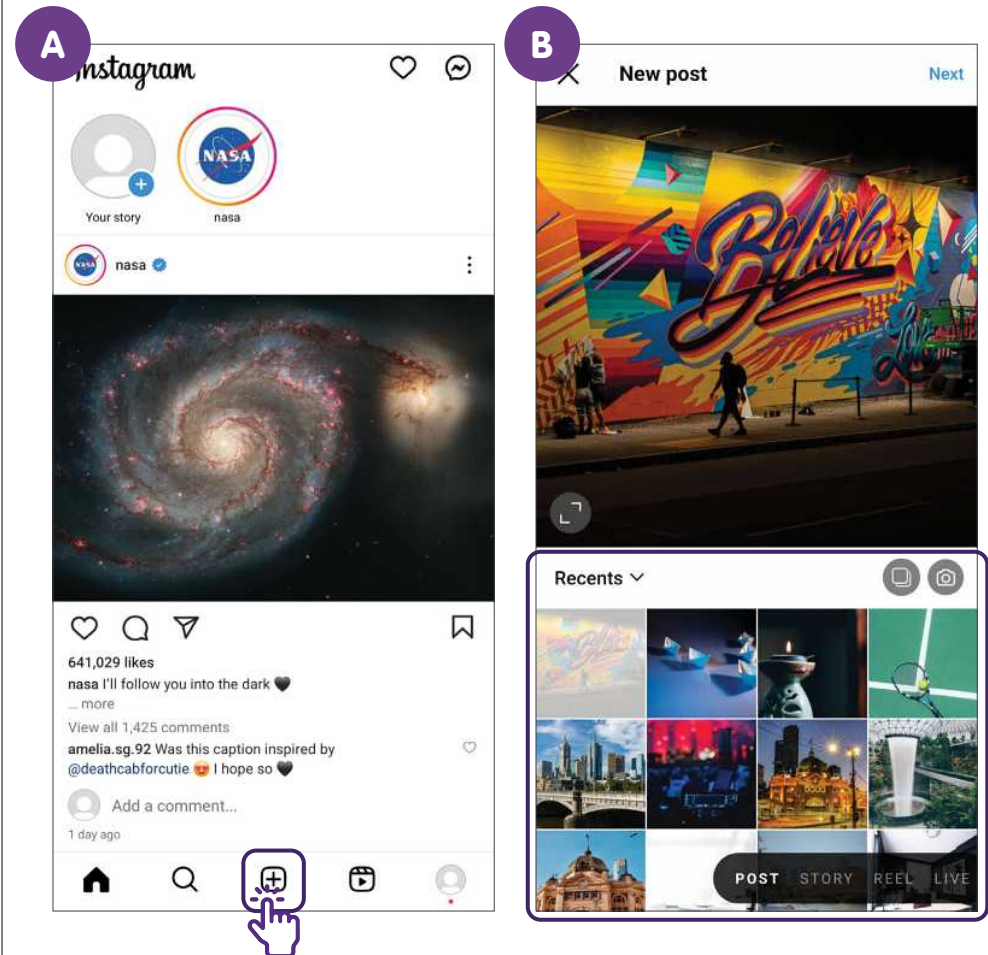
Create a Post

1 Create a post by inserting text, a photo, a video, or other media files.

Facebook



Instagram

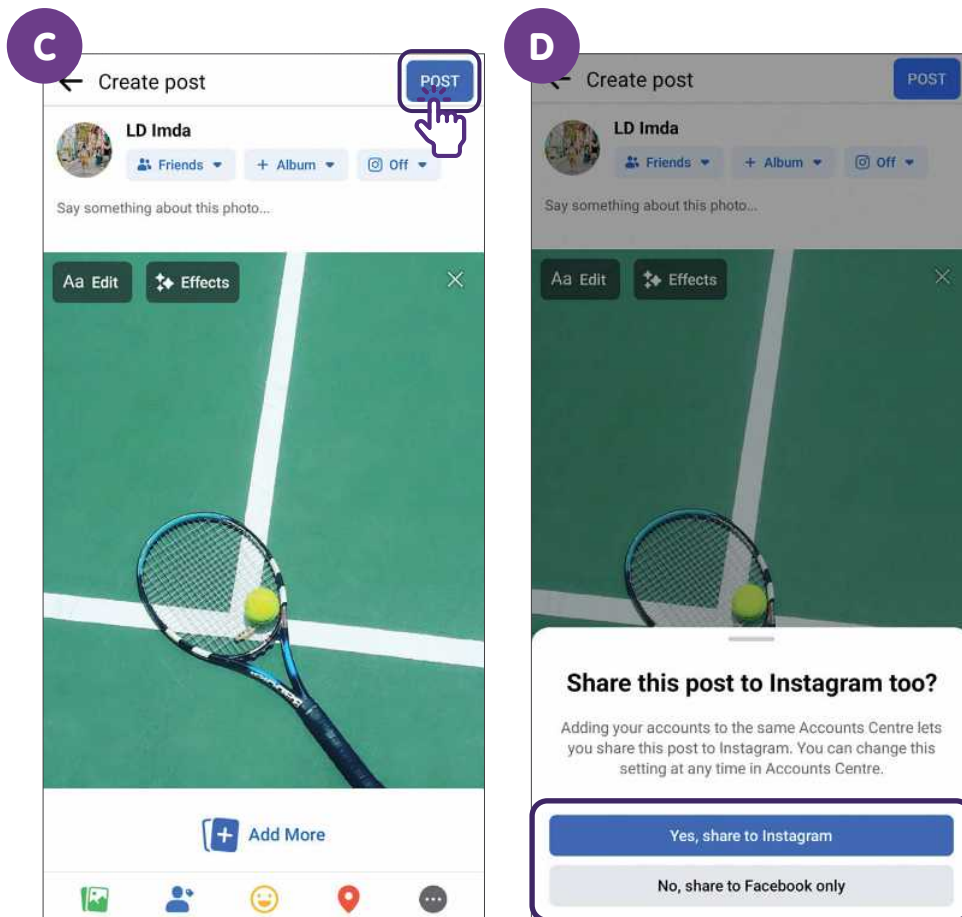


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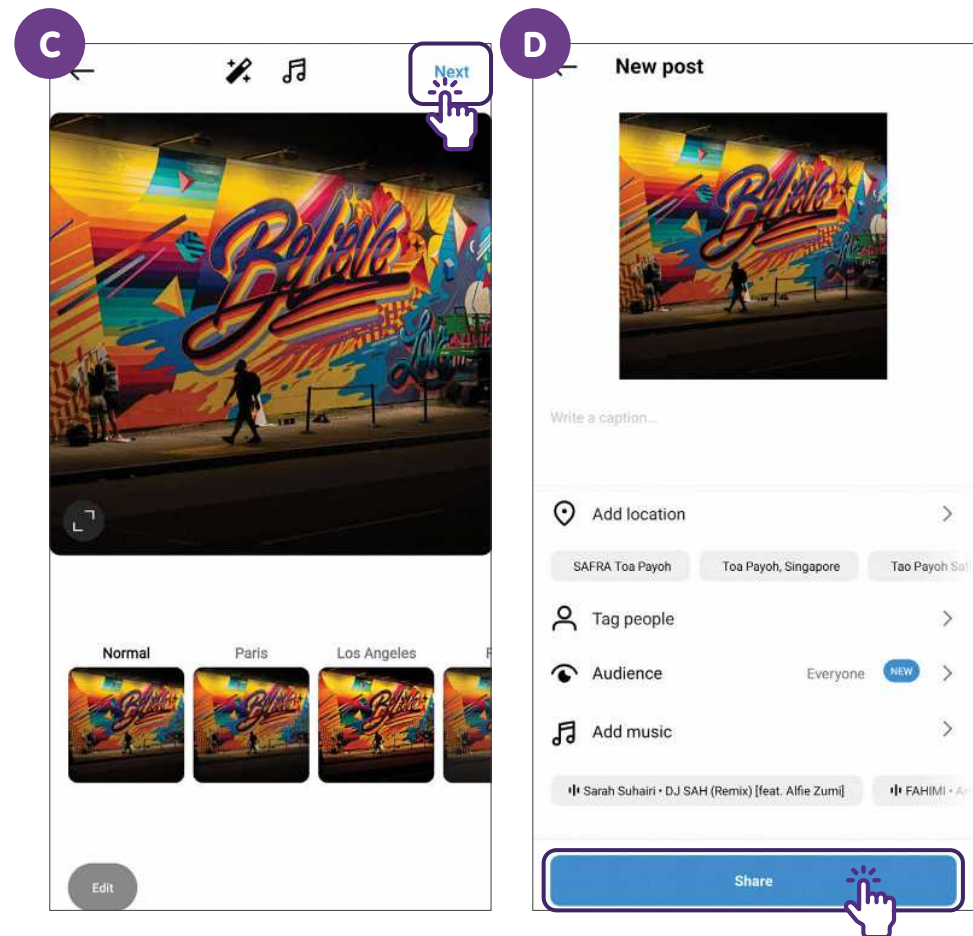
Create a Post

2 For Facebook, tap "POST", then choose between "Yes, share to Instagram" or "No, share to Facebook only". For Instagram, tap "Next", then tap "Share" to publish your post.

Facebook



Instagram

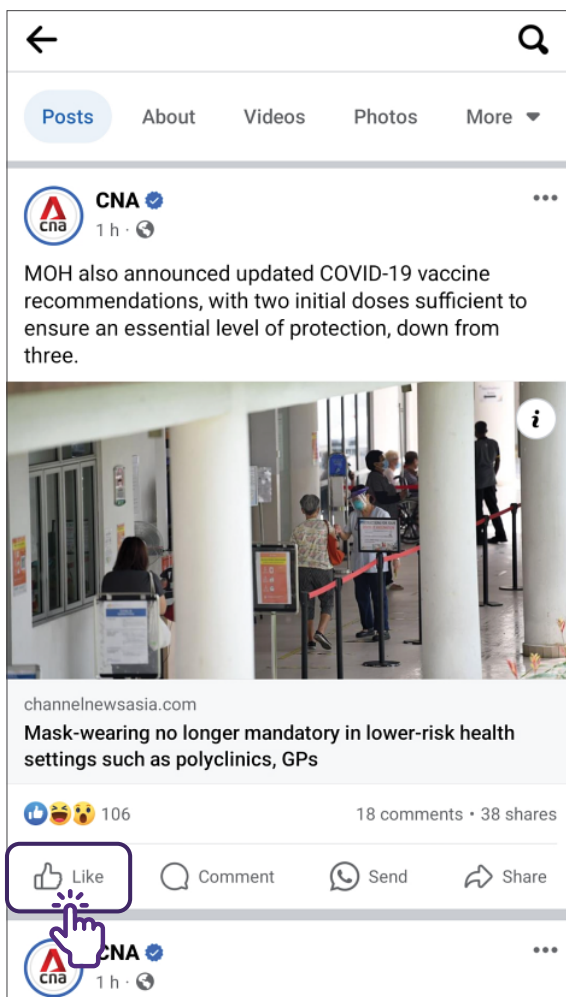


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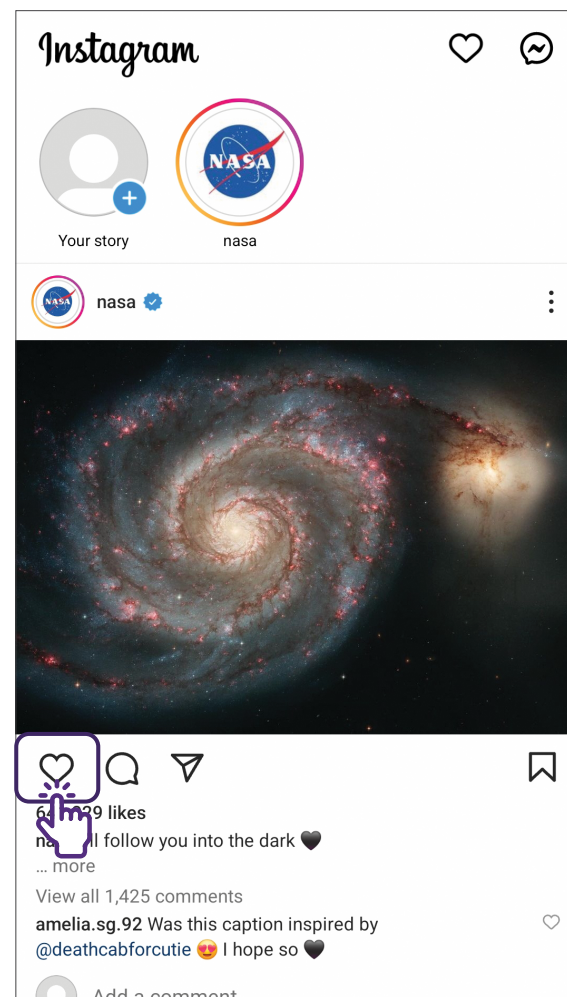
Like a Post

Tap on the  or  icon to like a post.

Facebook



Instagram

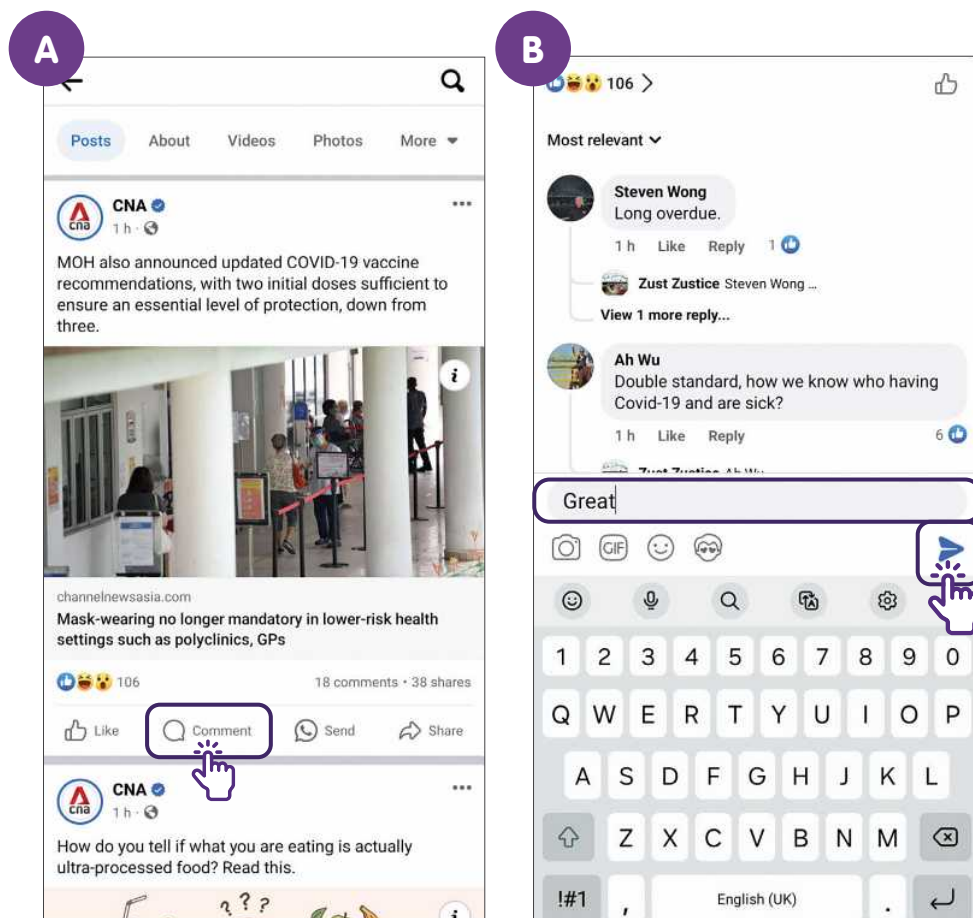


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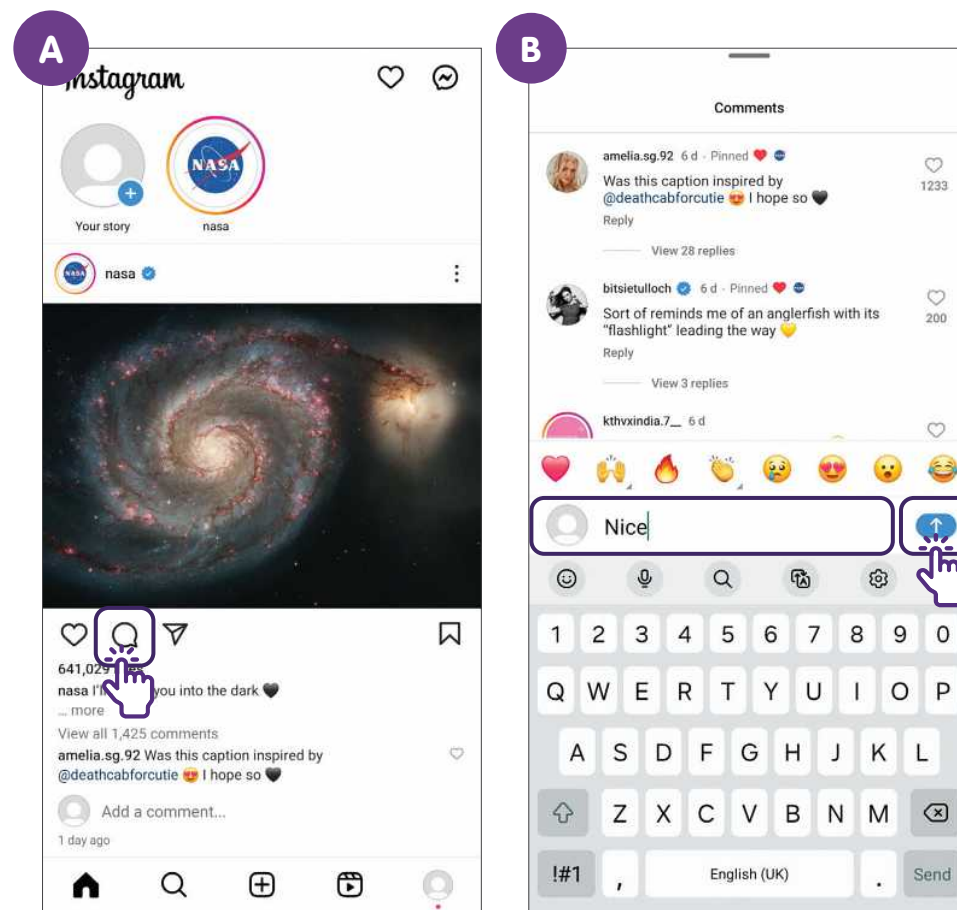
Comment on a Post

Tap on the  or  icon, input your comment, and tap on the  or  icon to share.

Facebook



Instagram

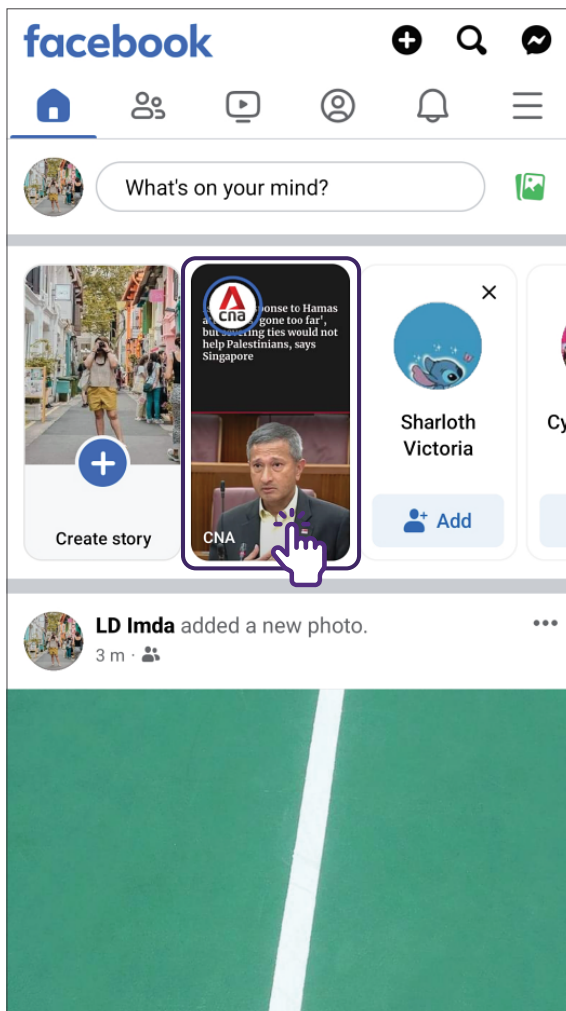


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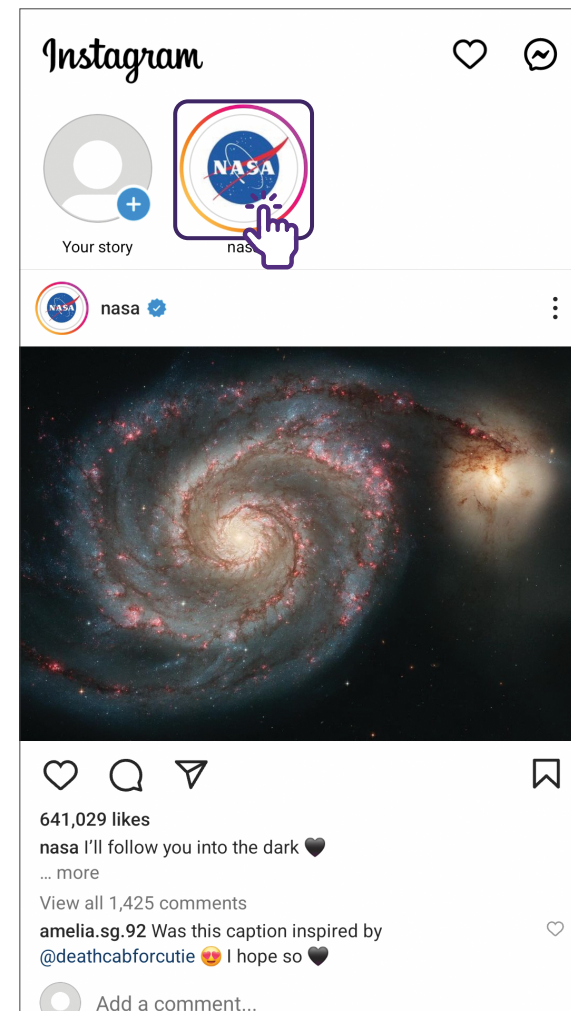
View a Story

Tap on the story icon at the top of the home page to view stories in your feed.

Facebook



Instagram

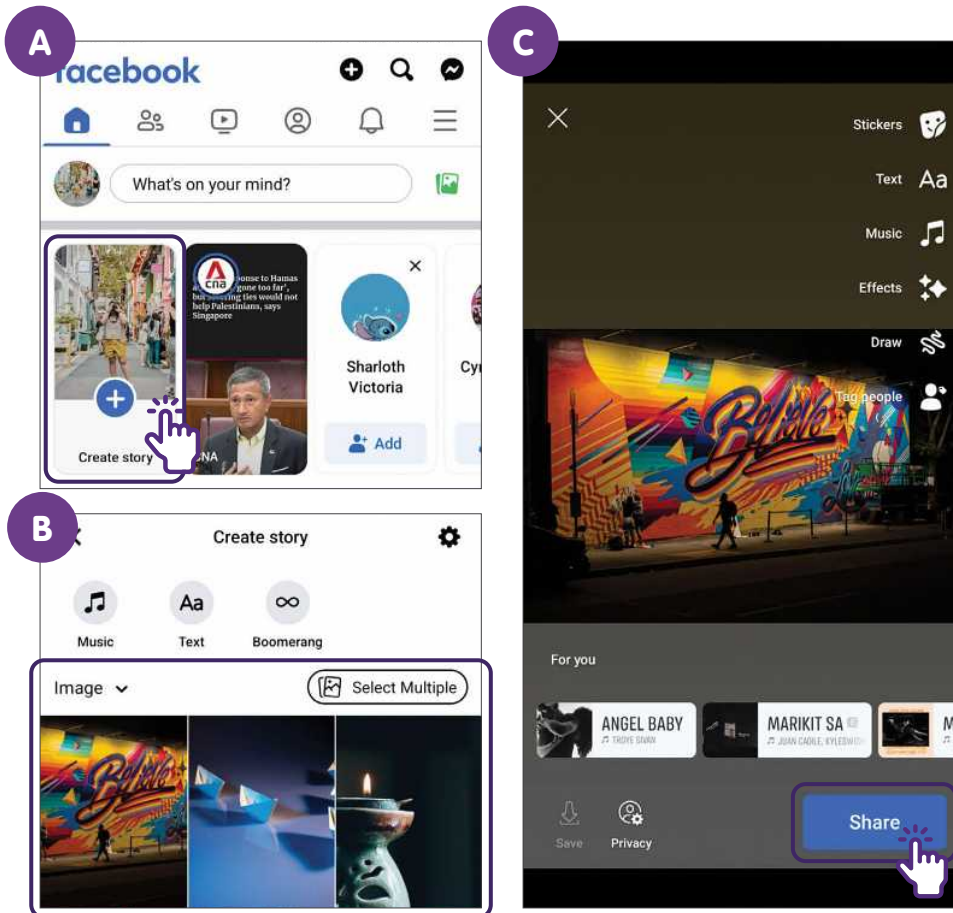


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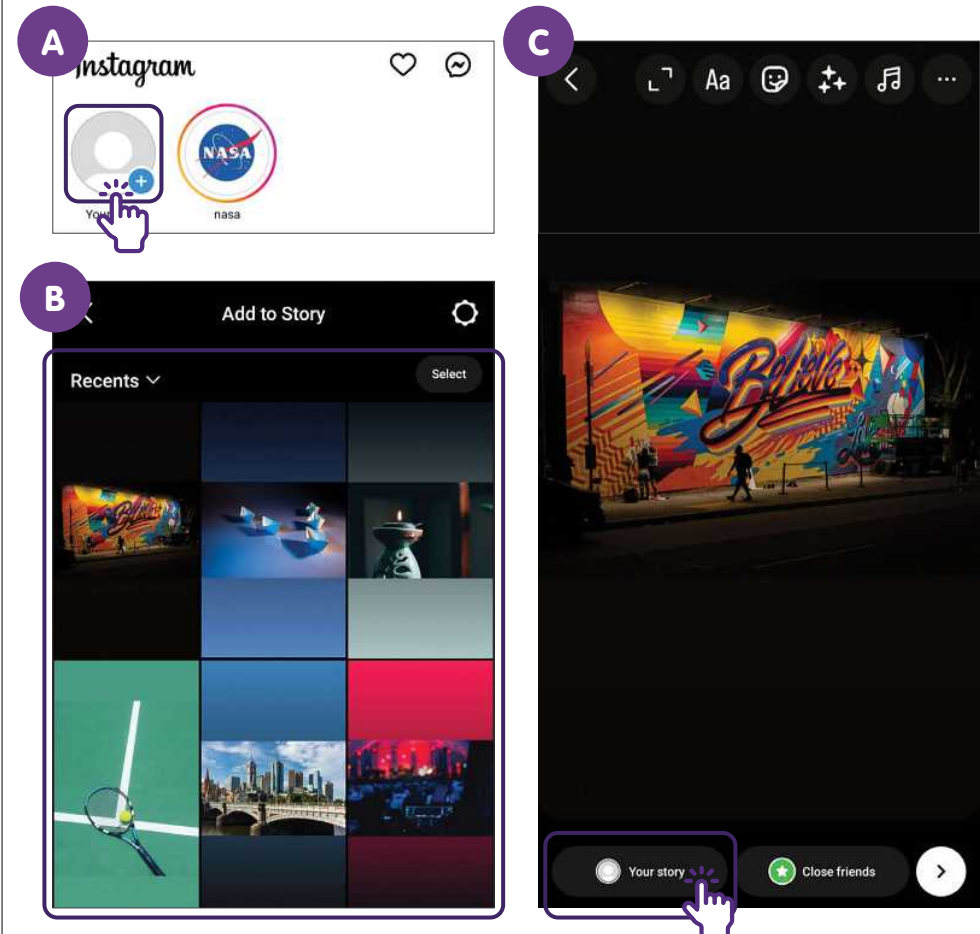
Create a Story

Tap on the  icon at the top left corner of the home page. Choose your preferred media file, then tap on  or .

Facebook



Instagram

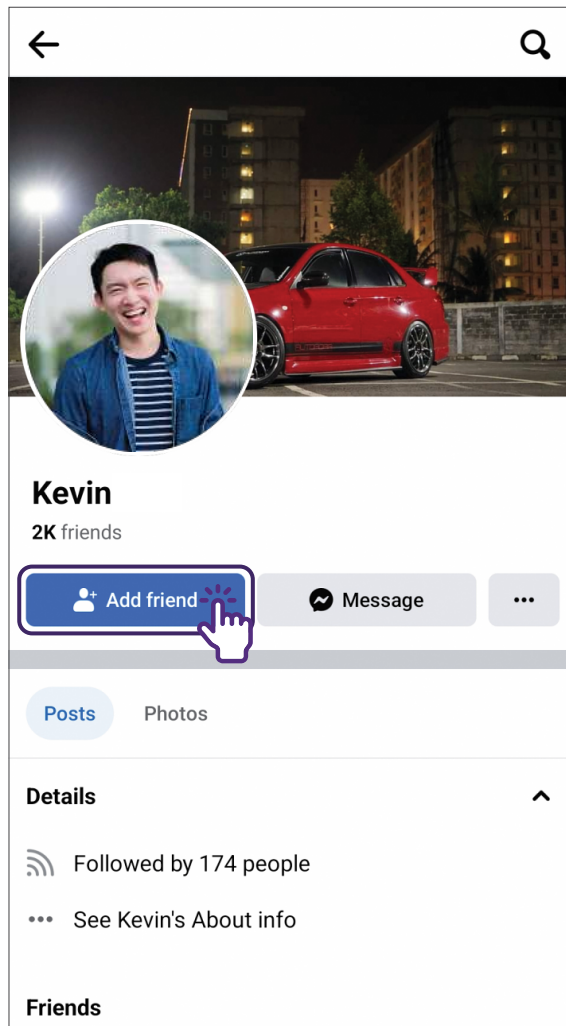


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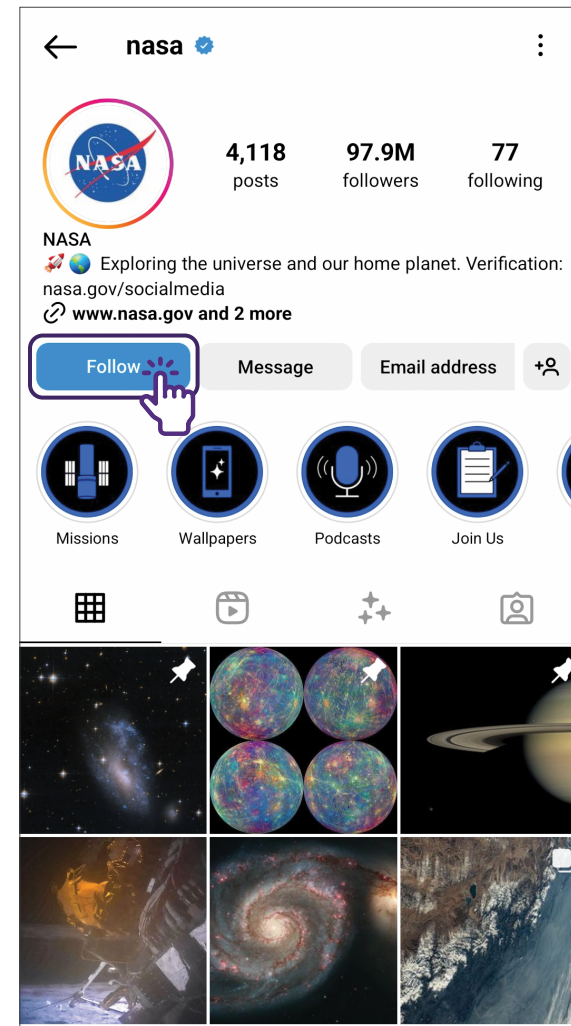
Add or Follow a Friend

Tap on the "Add friend" or "Follow" icon on the profile page to add or follow someone.

Facebook



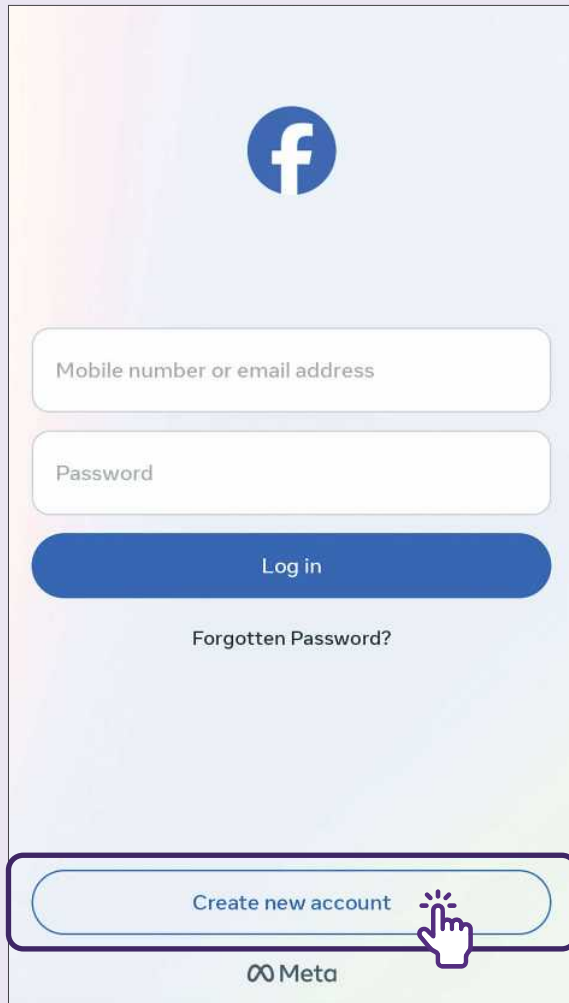
Instagram



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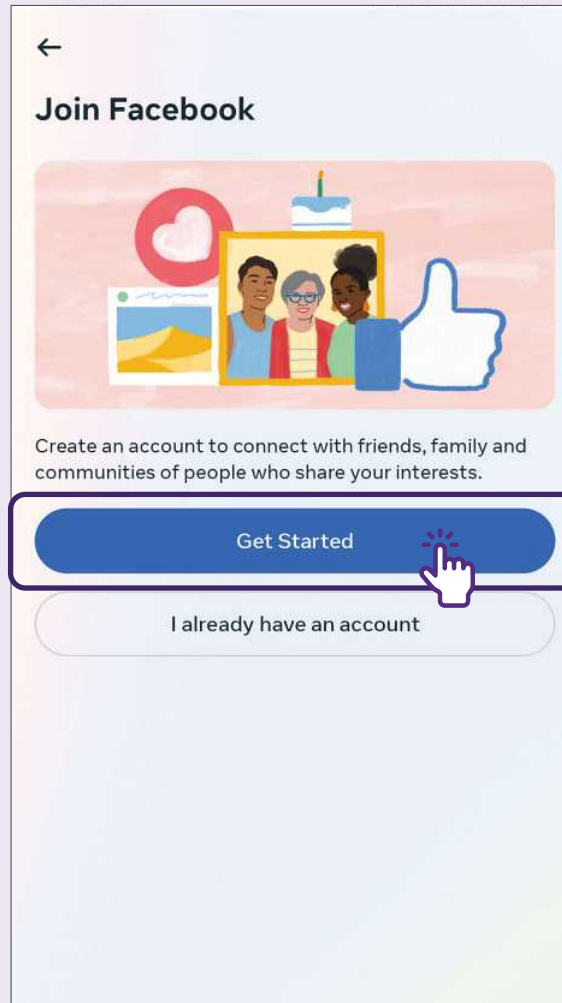
Sign up for a Facebook Account

1 Tap on Create new account



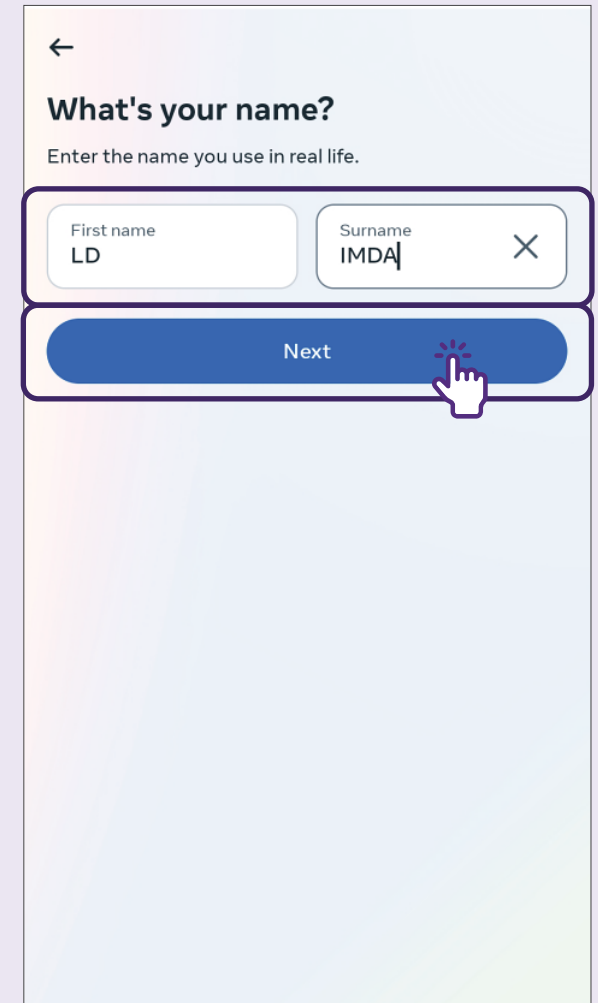
The screen displays the Facebook logo at the top. Below it are two input fields: "Mobile number or email address" and "Password". A blue "Log in" button is positioned below the password field. A link for "Forgotten Password?" is located below the "Log in" button. At the bottom, there is a blue "Create new account" button with a hand icon pointing to it, and the "Meta" logo below it.

2 Select Get Started



The screen is titled "Join Facebook" and features an illustration of three people, a birthday cake, and a thumbs-up icon. Below the illustration, the text reads: "Create an account to connect with friends, family and communities of people who share your interests." A blue "Get Started" button with a hand icon pointing to it is prominently displayed. Below this button is a link that says "I already have an account".

3 Input Your Name



The screen is titled "What's your name?" and includes the instruction: "Enter the name you use in real life." There are two input fields: "First name" with the text "LD" and "Surname" with the text "IMDA". A blue "Next" button with a hand icon pointing to it is located below the input fields. A back arrow is visible in the top left corner.

4 Set your Date of Birth

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What's your date of birth?

Choose your date of birth. You can always make this private later. [Why do I need to provide my date of birth?](#)

Date of birth (0 year old)
29 February 2024

Set date

31	Feb	1999
01	Mar	2000
02	Apr	2001

CANCEL SET

5 Select Your Gender

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What's your gender?

You can change who sees your gender on your profile later.

Female ☐

Male ☐

More options
Select "More options" to choose another gender or if you'd rather not say. ☐

Next

6 Sign up with Mobile Number or Email Address

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What's your mobile number?

Enter the mobile number on which you can be contacted. No one will see this on your profile.

Mobile number

You'll also receive SMS notifications from us and can opt out at any time. [Learn more](#)

Next

Sign up with email address

7

Create a Password

←

Create a password

Create a password with at least 6 letters or numbers. It should be something that others can't guess.

Password

Next

8

Save Your Login Info

←

Create a password

Create a password with at least 6 letters or numbers. It should be something that others can't guess.

Password

×

Save your login info?

We'll save the login info for LD IMDA, so you won't need to enter it next time you log in.

Save

Not now

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Agree to Terms and Policies

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Agree to Facebook's terms and policies

People who use our service may have uploaded your contact information to Facebook. [Learn more](#)

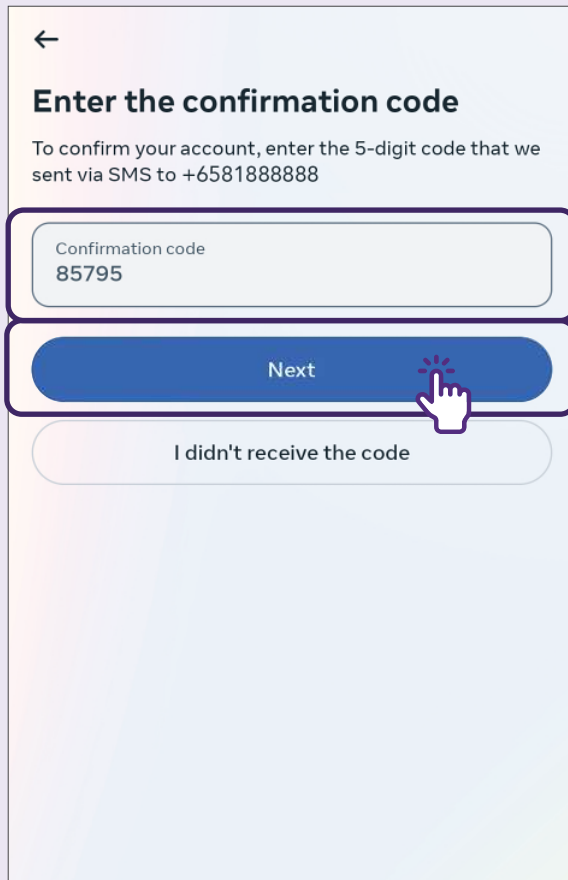
By tapping **I agree**, you agree to create an account and to Facebook's [terms](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cookies Policy](#).

The [Privacy Policy](#) describes the ways we can use the information we collect when you create an account. For example, we use this information to provide, personalise and improve our products, including ads.

I agree

Notes

10 Verify Your Account

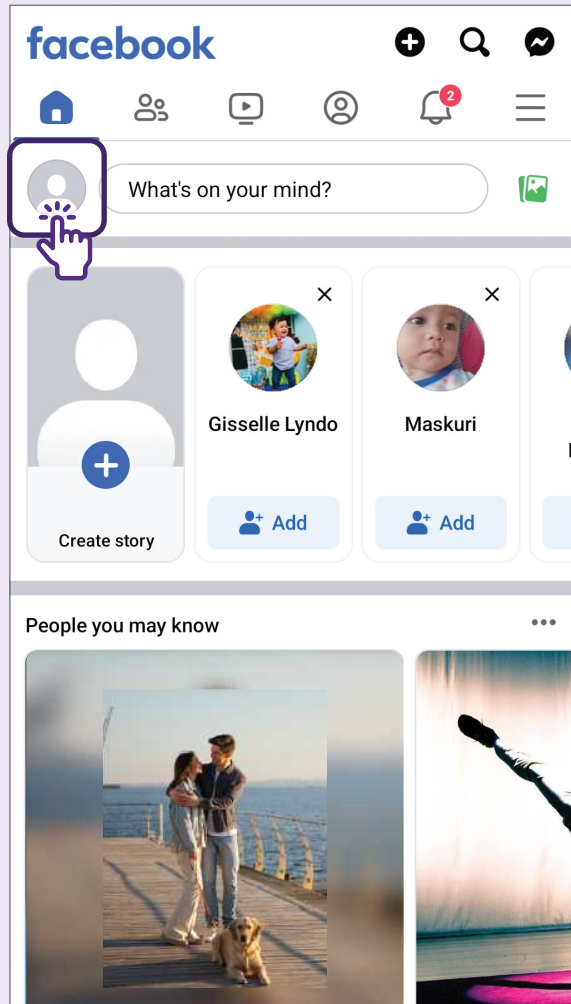


Verify your account by entering the code texted to your phone number, or by clicking the verification link in the email sent to your email address.

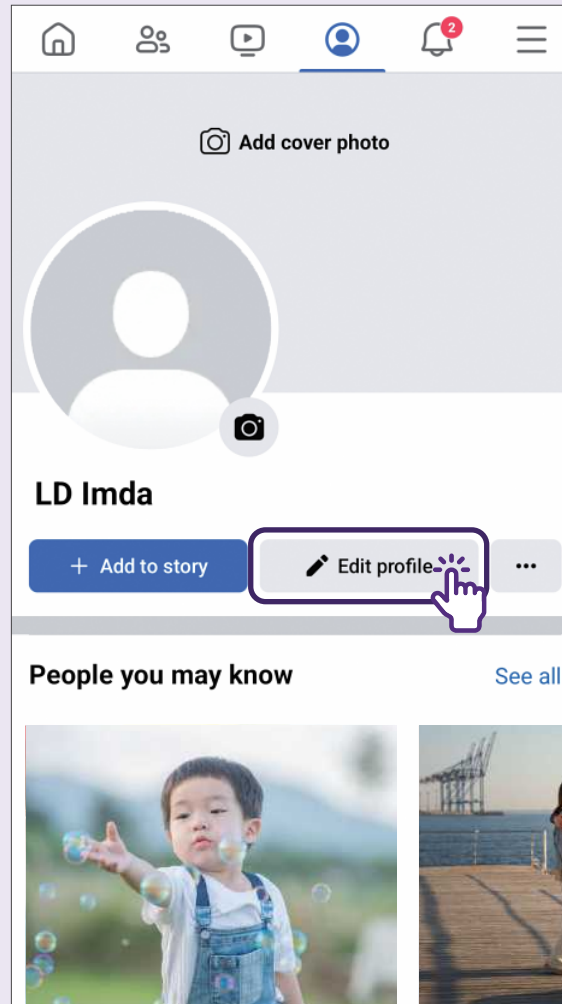
This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slight shadow on its right side, suggesting it's resting on a surface. The overall appearance is that of a clean, unused piece of stationery or notebook paper.

Manage Personal and Account Information

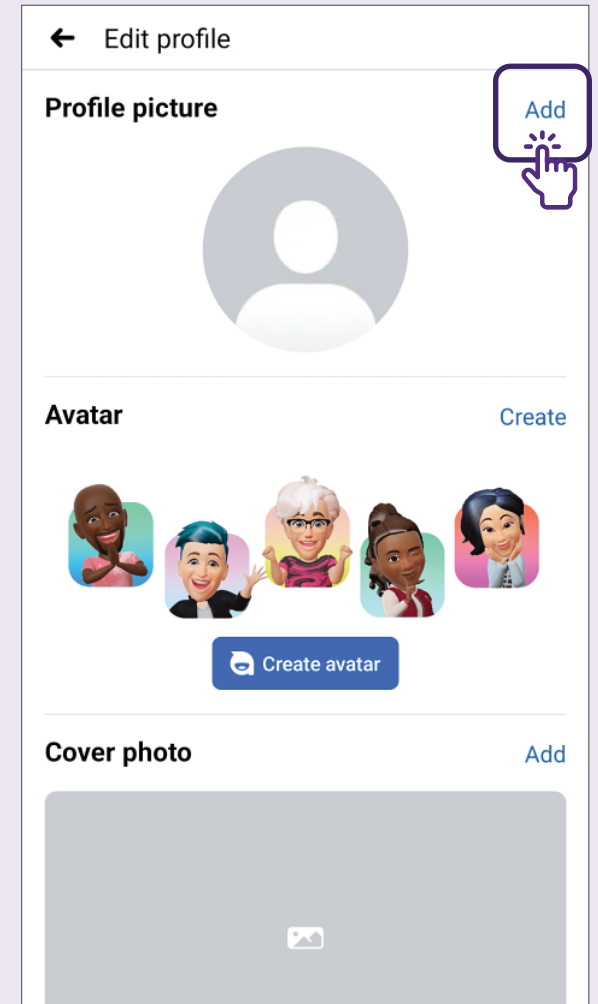
1 Tap on Profile Icon



2 Select Edit profile



3 Change Profile Picture



4 Change Cover Photo

← Edit profile

Cover photo

Add

Bio

Describe yourself...

Add

Details

Add

- Current town /city
- Workplace
- Education
- Home town
- Relationship status

5 Add a Short Bio

← Edit profile

Create avatar

Cover photo

Edit

Bio

Describe yourself...

Add

Details

Add

- Current town /city
- Workplace
- Education
- Home town

6 Edit Personal Details

← Edit profile

Bio

Describe yourself...

Add

Details

Add

- Current town /city
- Workplace
- Education
- Home town
- Relationship status

Highlights

Add your favourite photos and stories here for all of your friends to see.

Try It

Notes

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Edit Your About Info

 Current town /city

 Workplace

 Education

 Home town

 Relationship status

Highlights




Add your favourite photos and stories here for all of your friends to see.

Try It

Links

Add

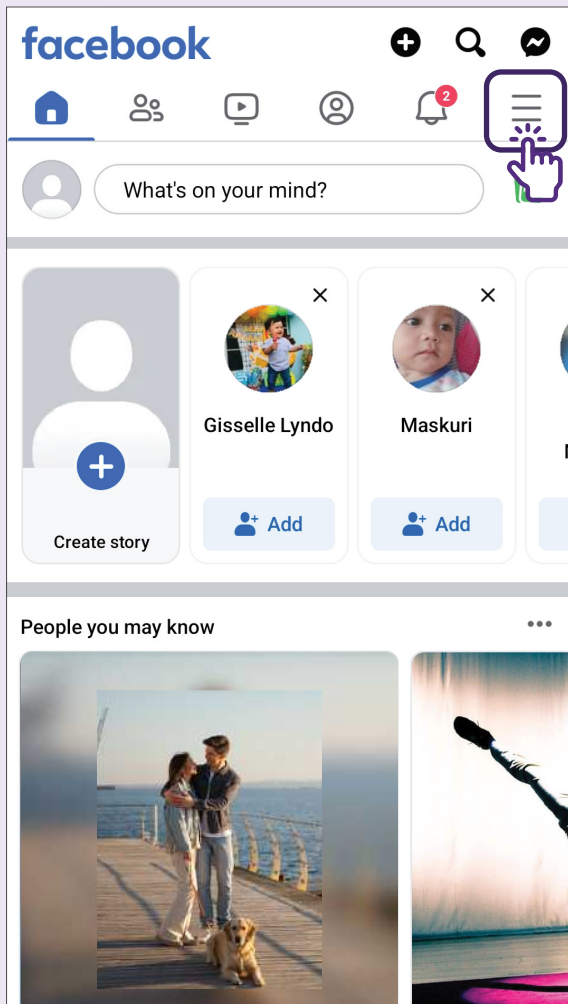
 Edit Your About Info



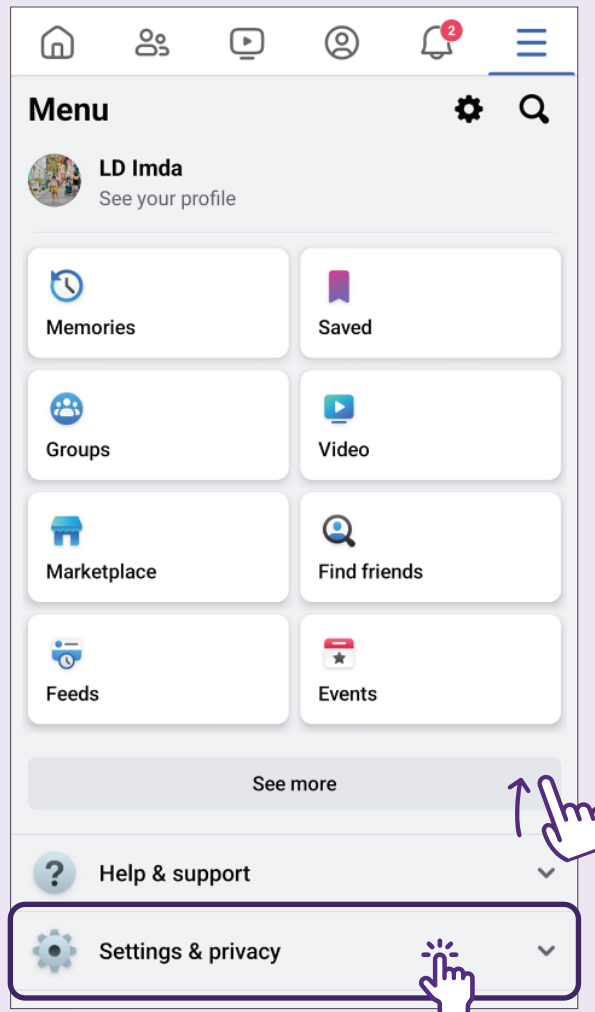
Tap on **"Edit Your About Info"** to update other personal information about yourself.

Manage Settings and Privacy

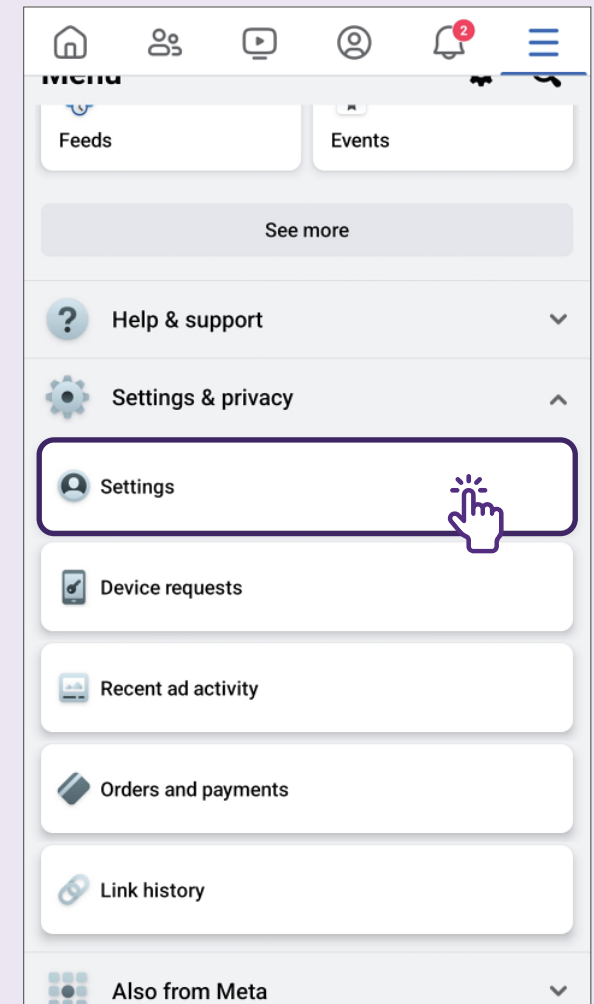
1 Tap on the Menu Icon



2 Tap on Settings & privacy

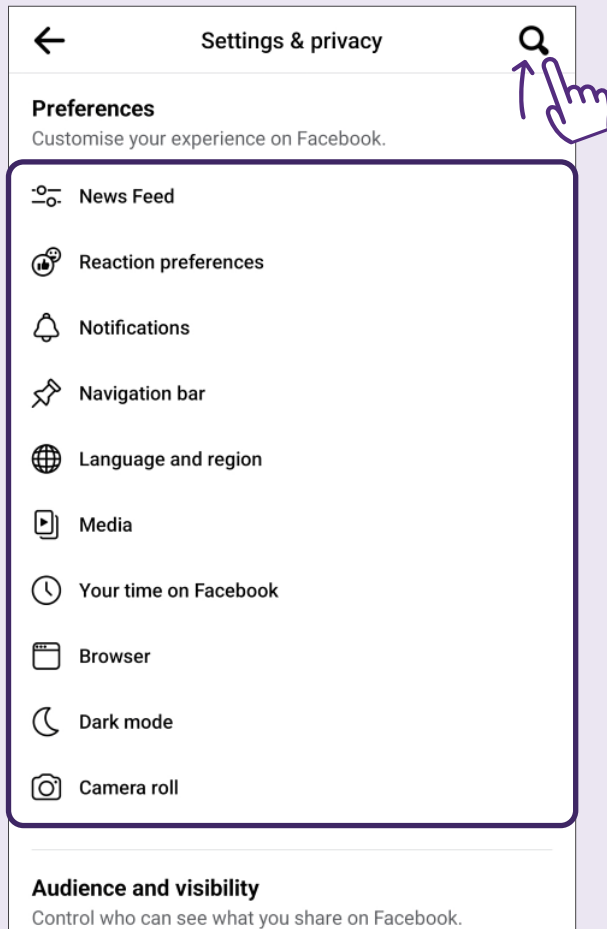


3 Select Settings



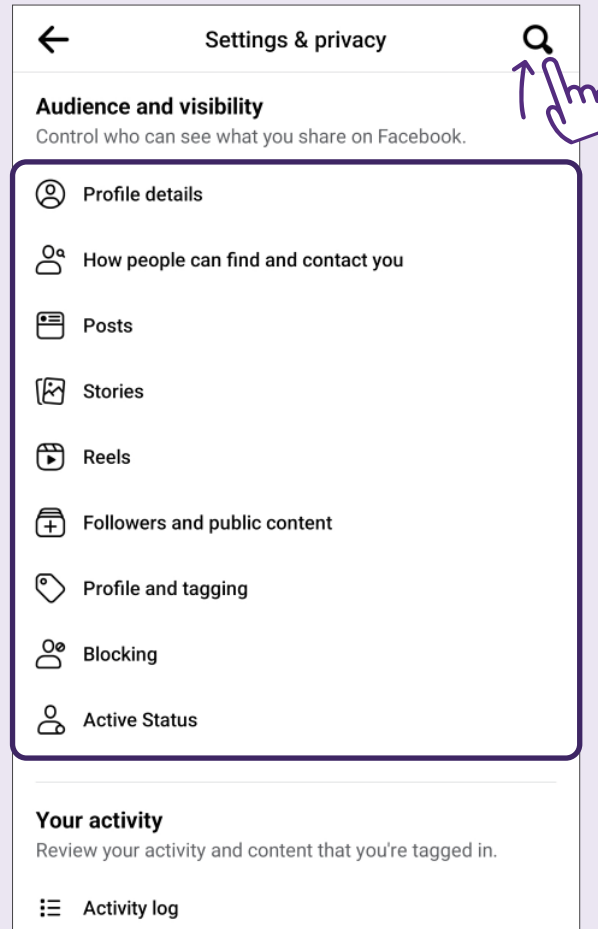
Manage Settings and Privacy

1 Adjust Your Preferences



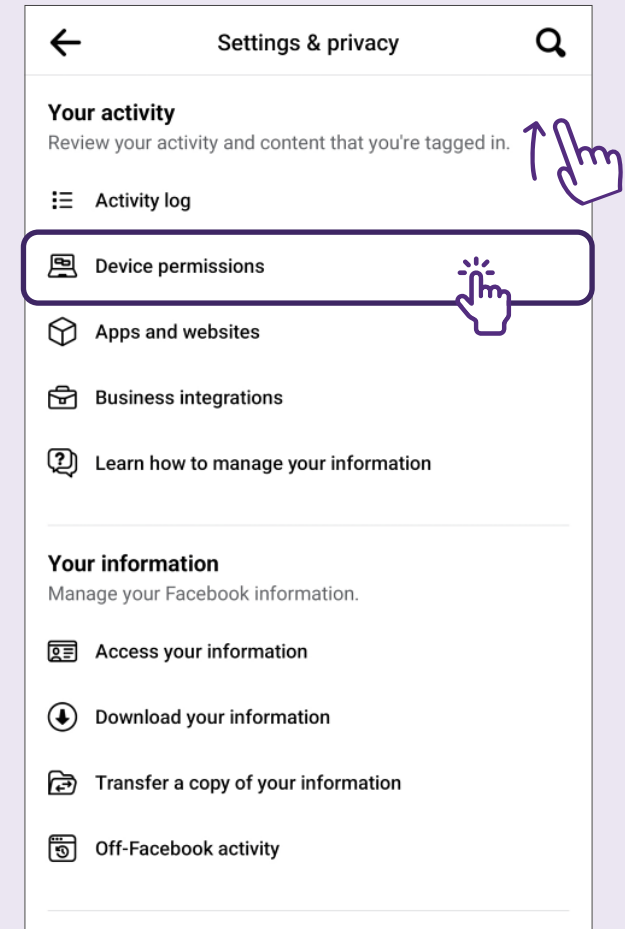
Tap on each tab to adjust your Facebook settings and preferences.

2 Set Audience and visibility



Tap on each tab to control who can see your profile and posts.

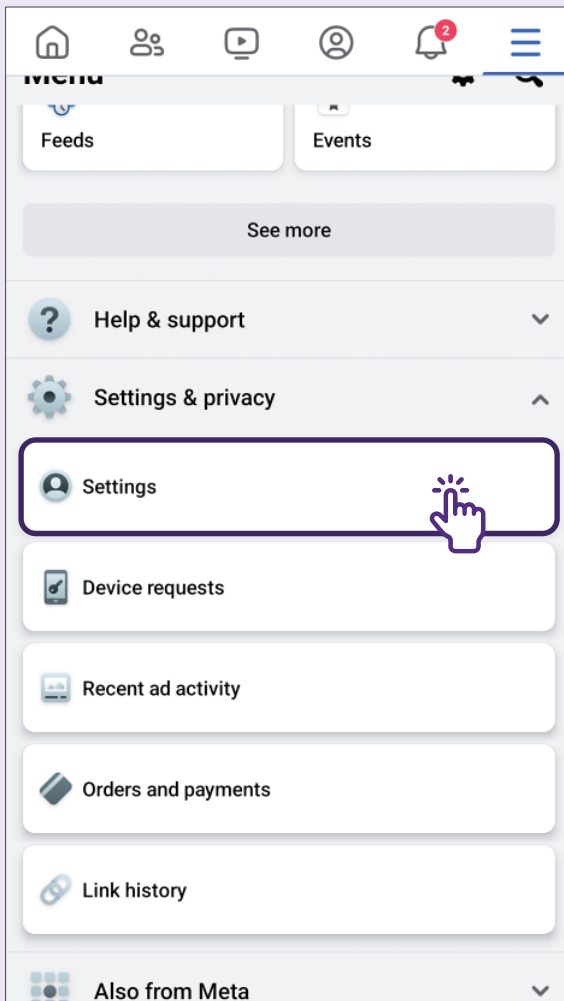
3 Change Device permissions



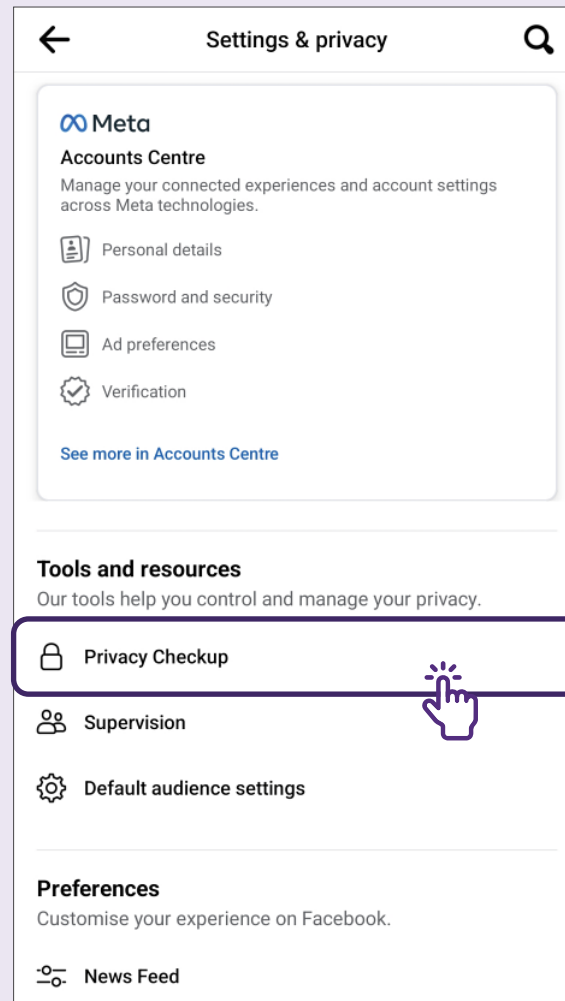
Tap on **"Device permissions"** to adjust your device's permission settings.

Manage Settings and Privacy

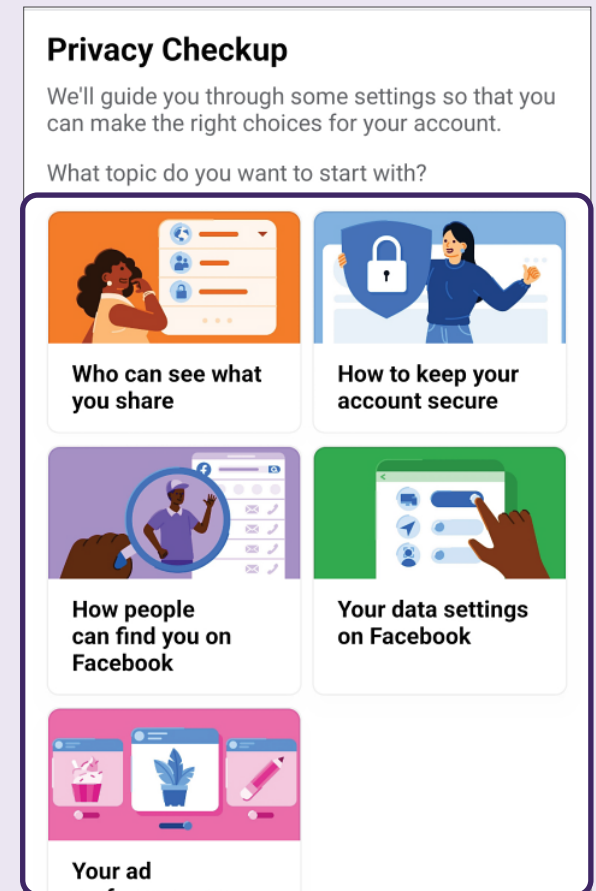
1 Tap on Settings



2 Tap on Privacy Checkup



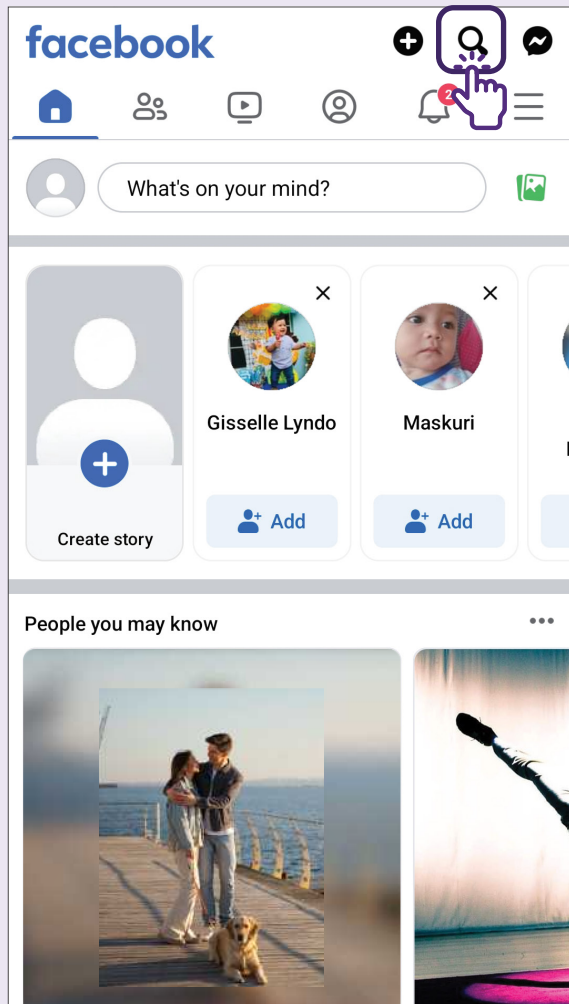
3 Adjust Your Privacy Settings



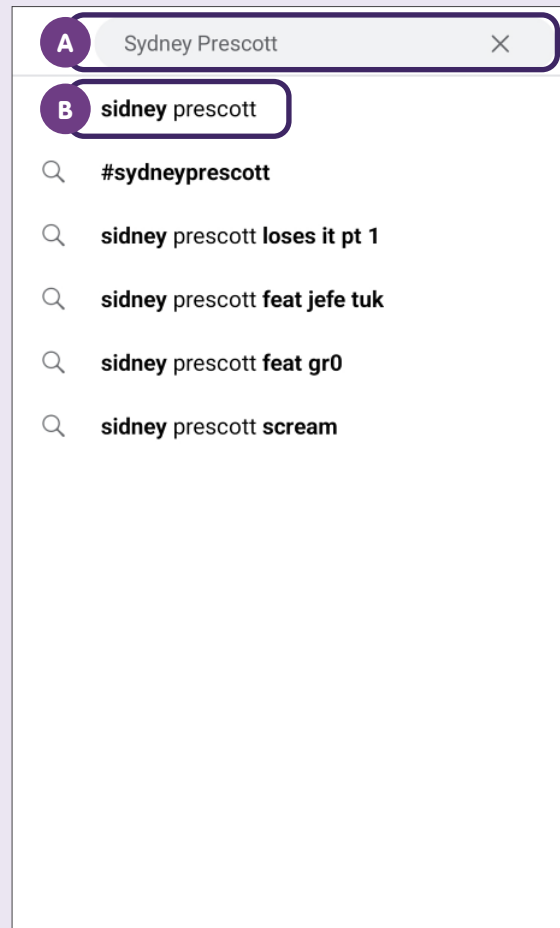
Tap on each option and follow the steps to adjust your privacy settings accordingly.

Find and Add Friends

1 Tap on Search Icon

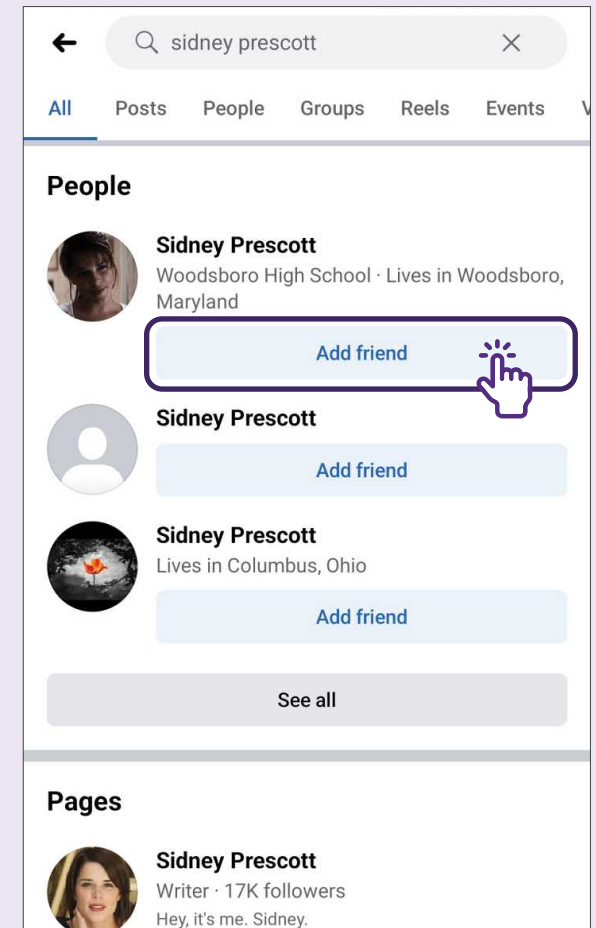


2 Search for a Friend



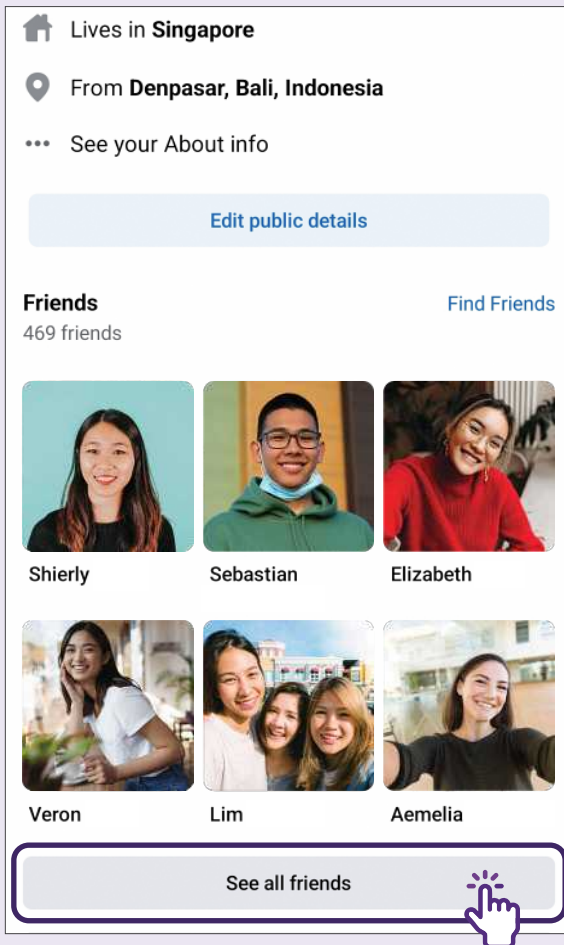
Enter a name into the search bar and tap on the name in the search field below.

3 Tap on Add friend



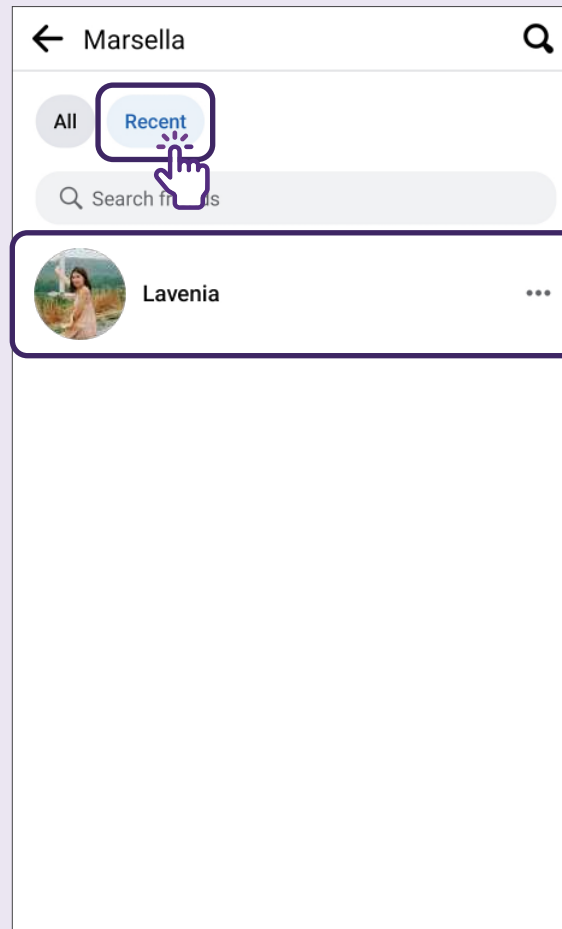
Tap on **"Add friend"** to send a friend request.

4 Tap on See all friends



Tap on **"See all friends"** on your profile page.

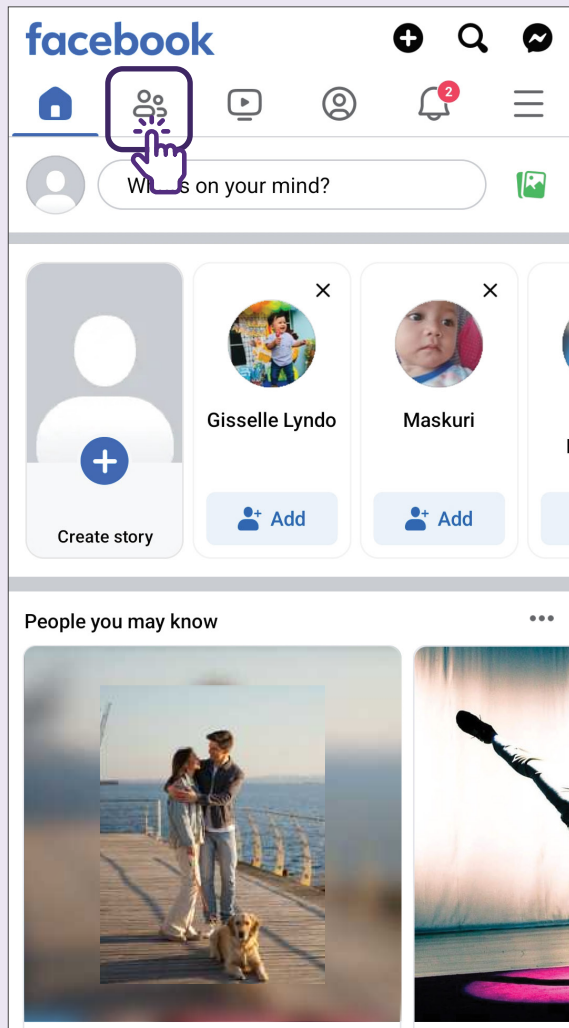
5 View Your New Friend



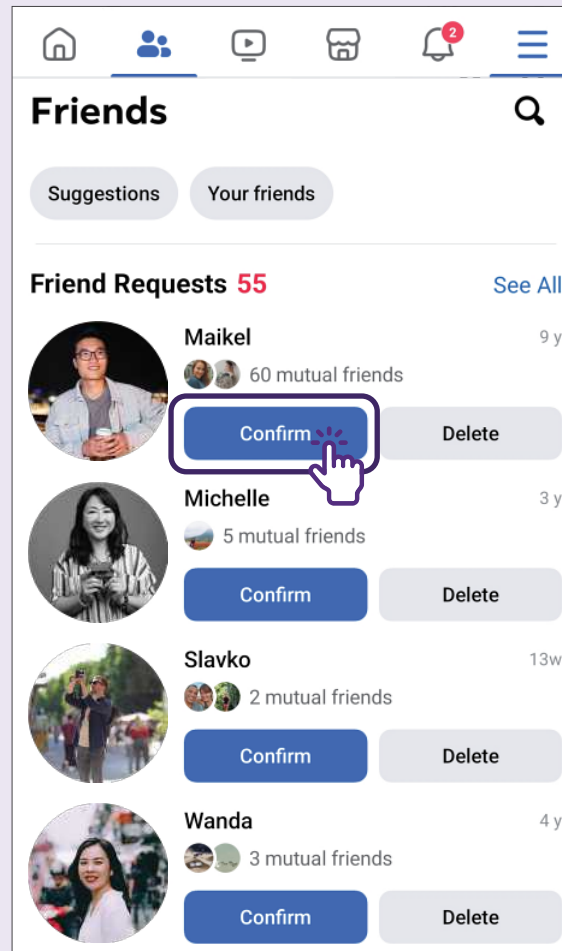
If your friend request is accepted, your new friend will be displayed on this page.

Accept and Reject Friend Requests

1 Tap on Friends Icon on the Homepage

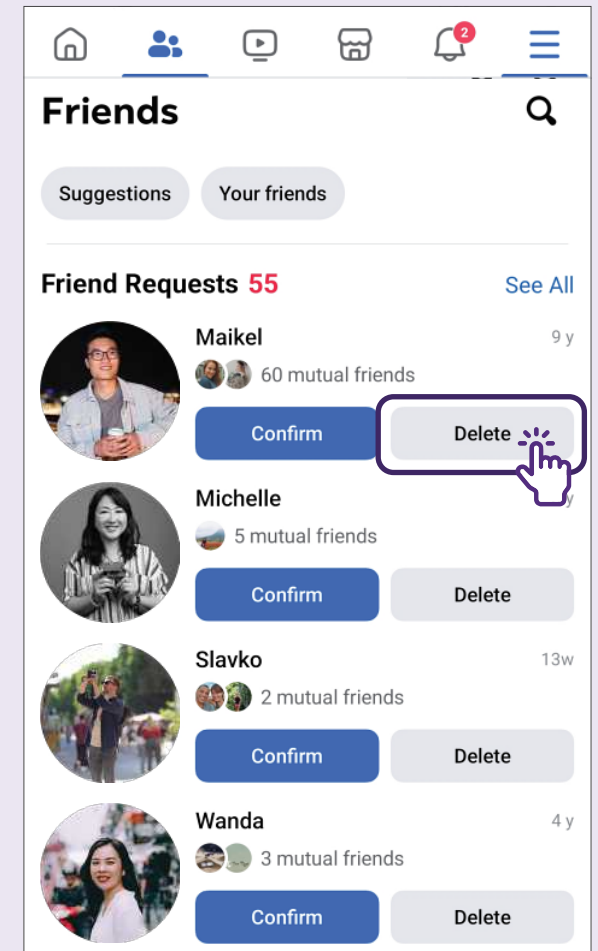


2 Accept Friend Request



Click on the **"Confirm"** button to accept any friend request.

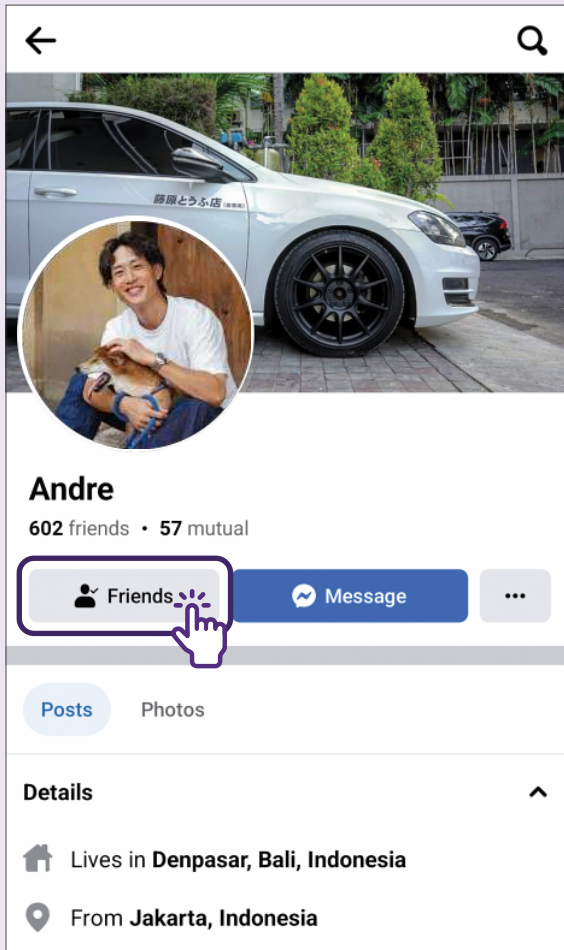
3 Reject Friend Request



Click on the **"Delete"** button to reject any friend request.

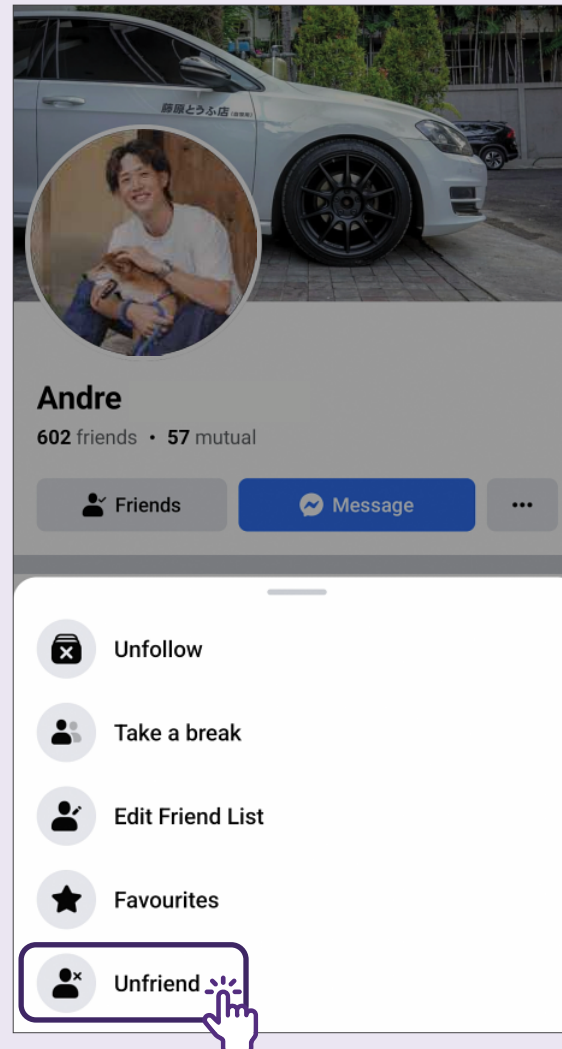
Remove a Friend

1 Access Your Friend's Profile Page



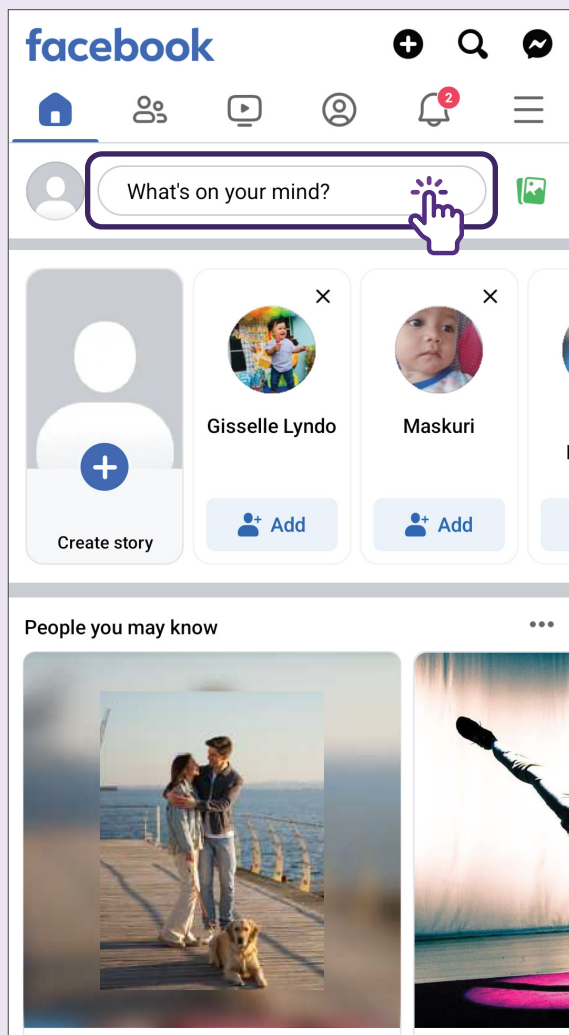
Tap on the **"Friends"** button to unfriend this person.

2 Tap on Unfriend to Confirm

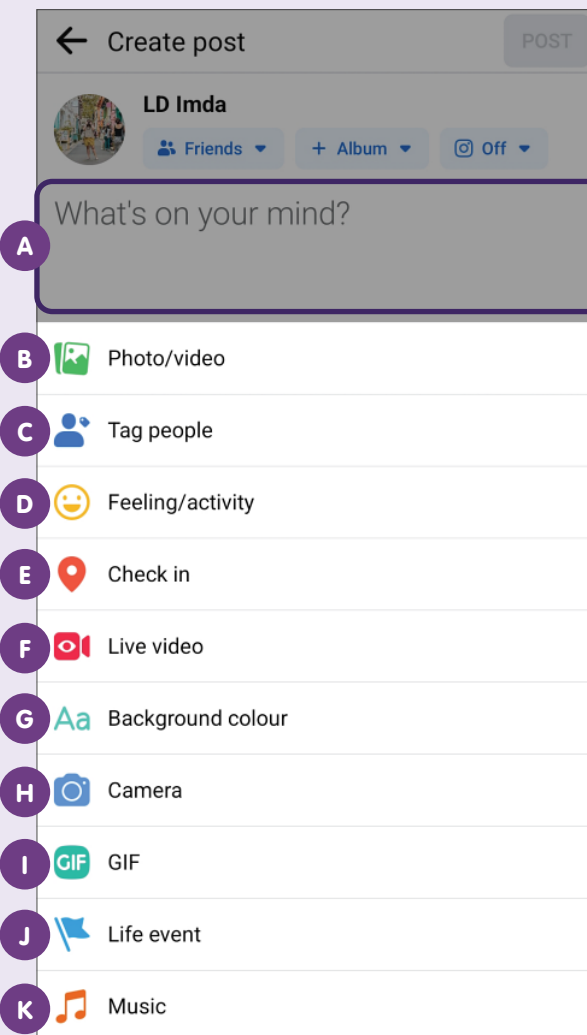


Create a Post

1 Tap on What's on your mind?

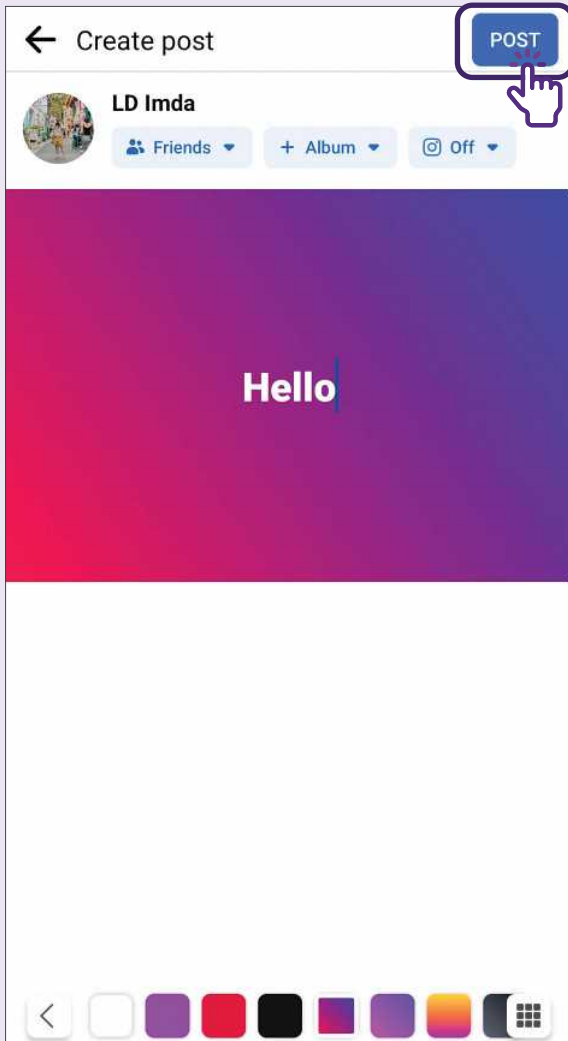


2 Create a Post

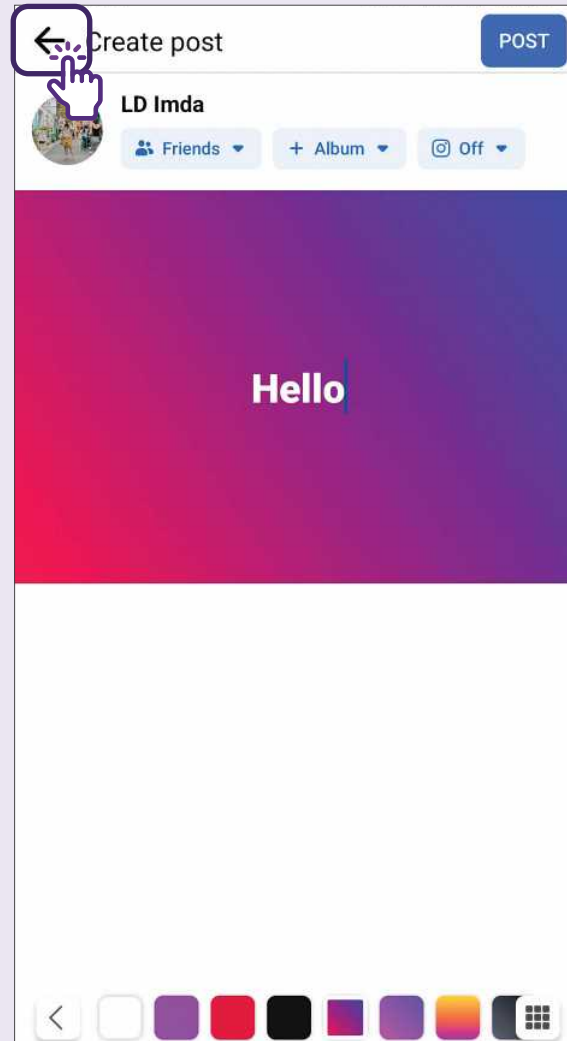


- A Input text here
- B Attach a photo or video
- C Tag a person
- D Insert your current feelings or activities
- E Add your location
- F Start a live video
- G Edit the background colour of your post
- H Take a photo or video
- I Insert a GIF
- J Share an important moment from your life
- K Share a music file

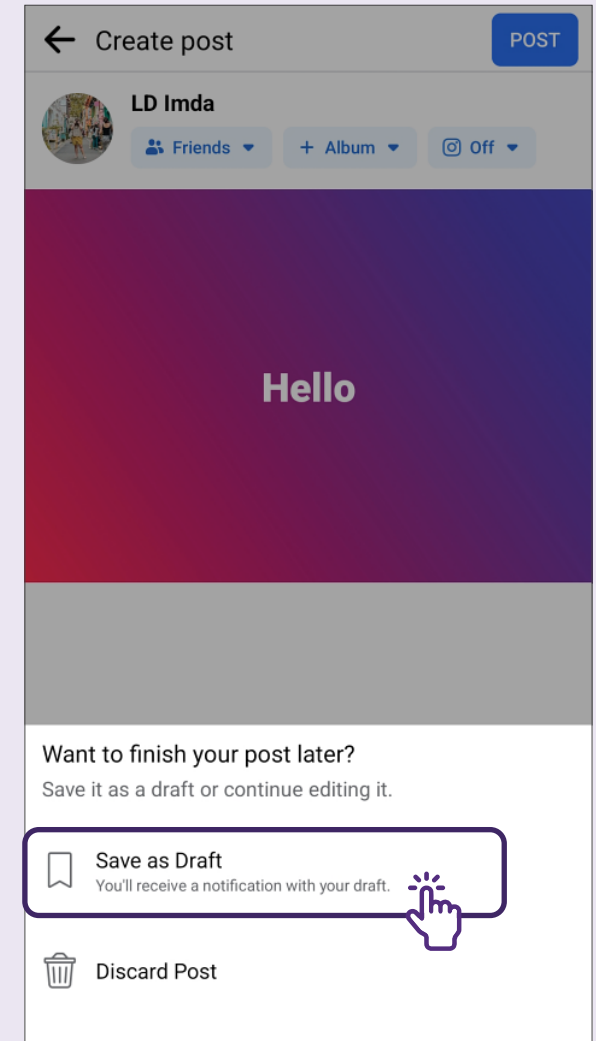
3 Tap on POST to Post Your Draft



4 Tap on ⬅ to Save the Draft Without Posting

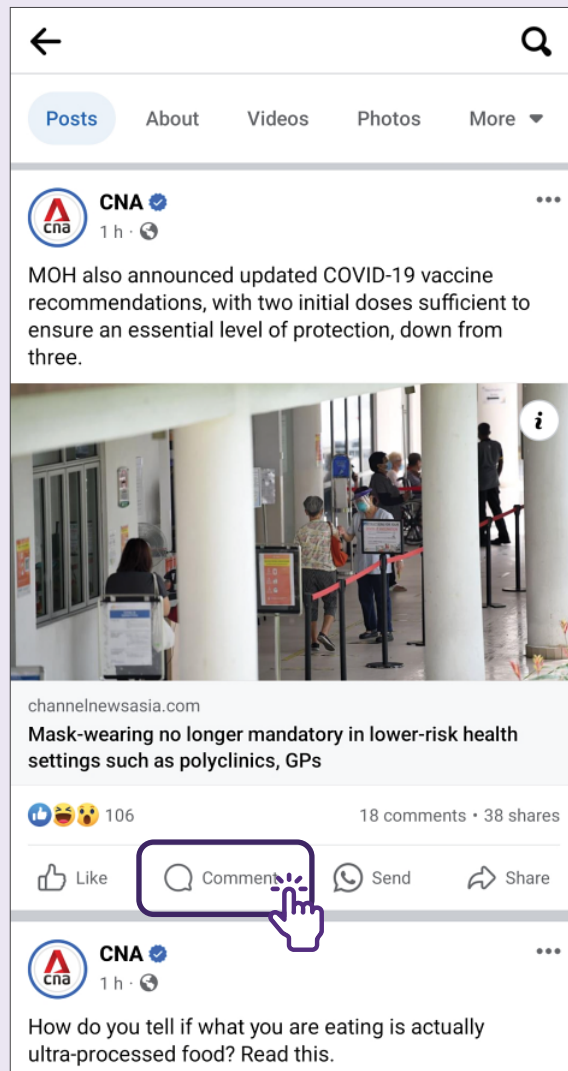


5 Confirm Save as Draft

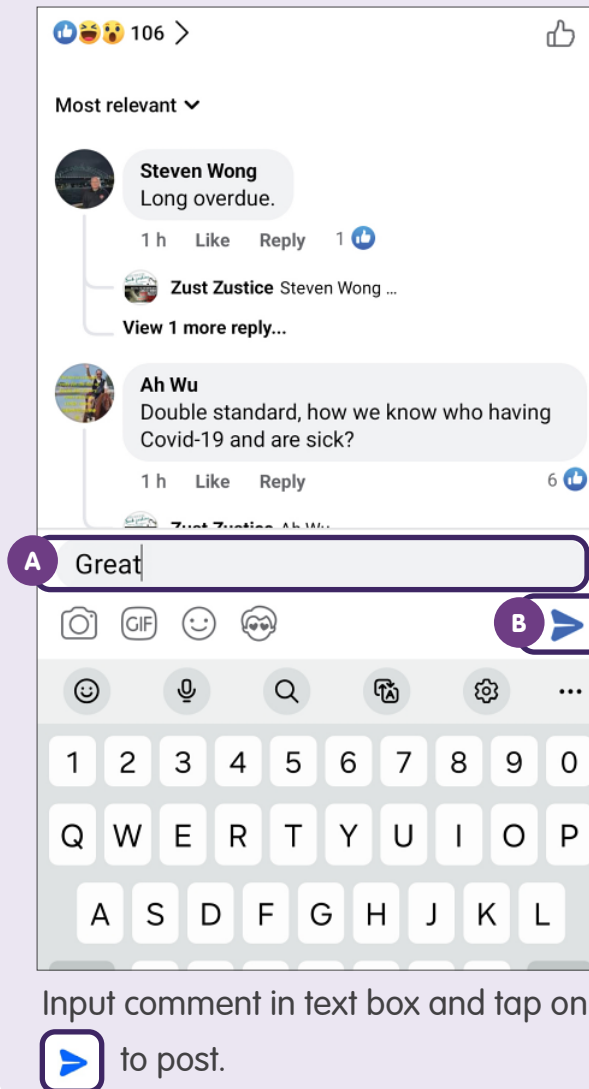


Comment on or Like a Post

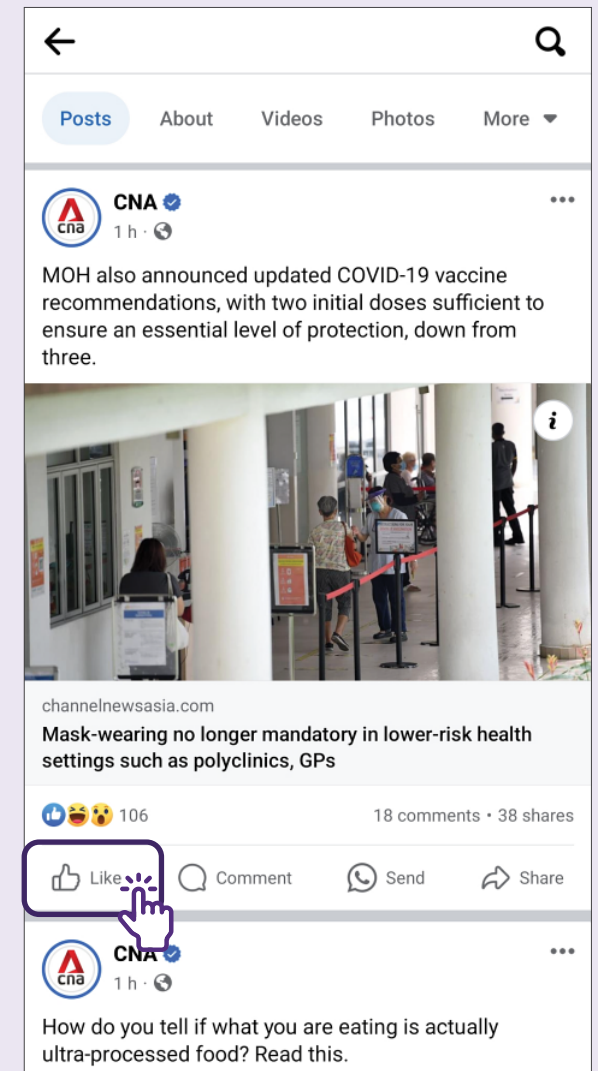
1 Tap on Comment



2 Post a Comment

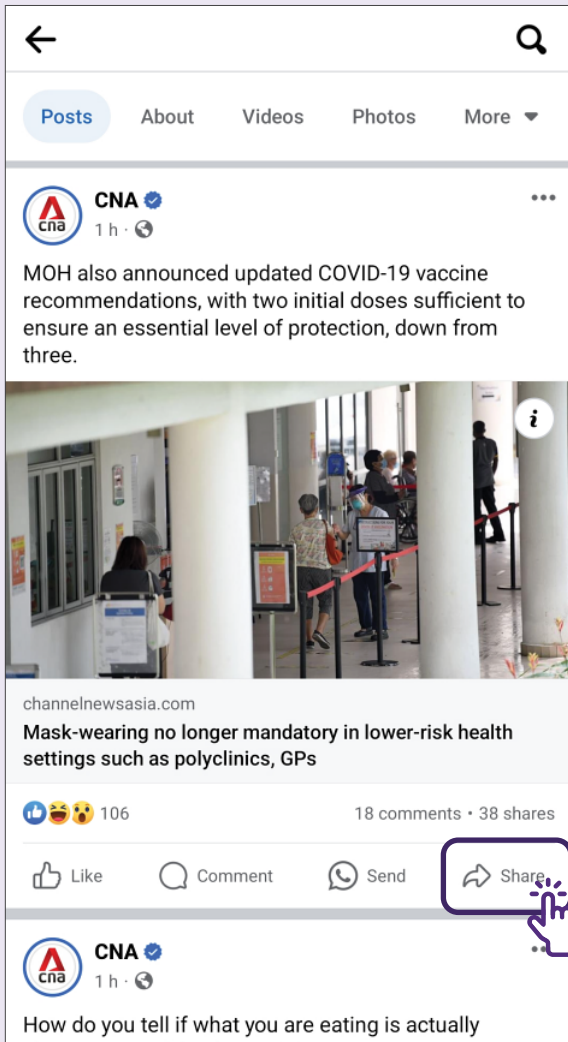


3 Like a Post

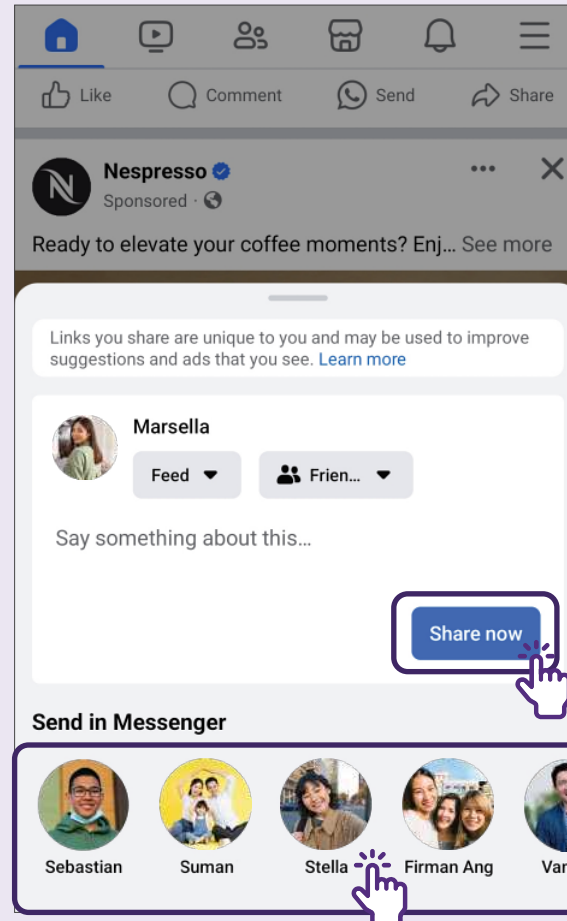


Share a Post

1 Tap on Share

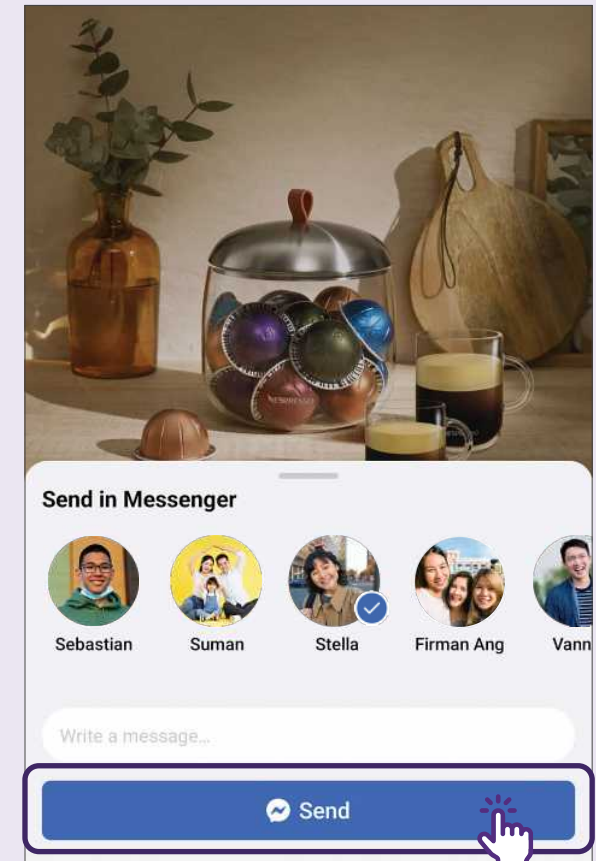


2 Share Post to Feed or with a Friend



Tap on **"Share now"** to share the post to your feed, or tap on a friend's name to share it privately.

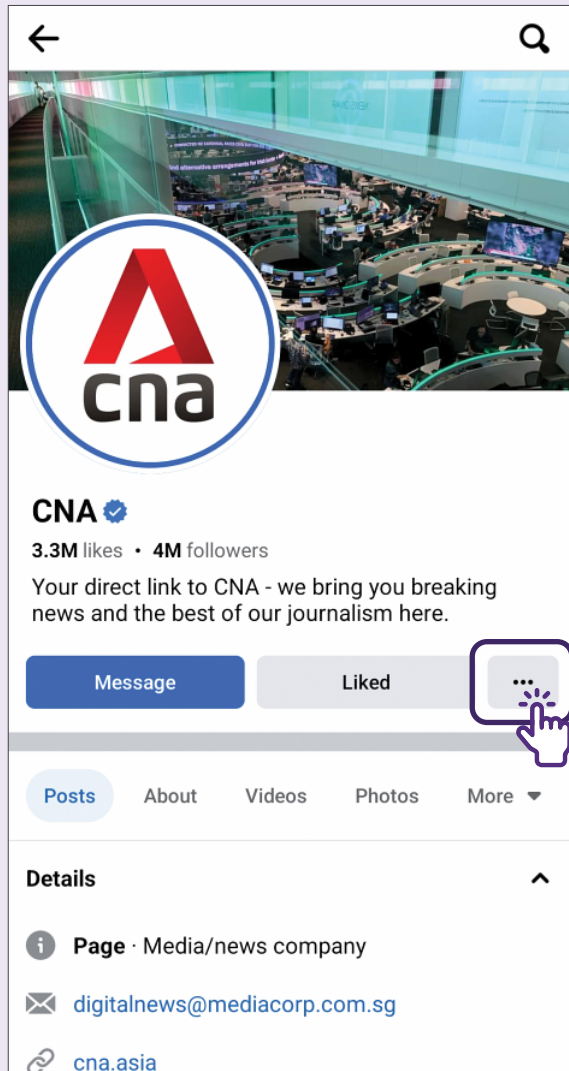
3 Tap Send to Confirm Sharing the Post with a Friend



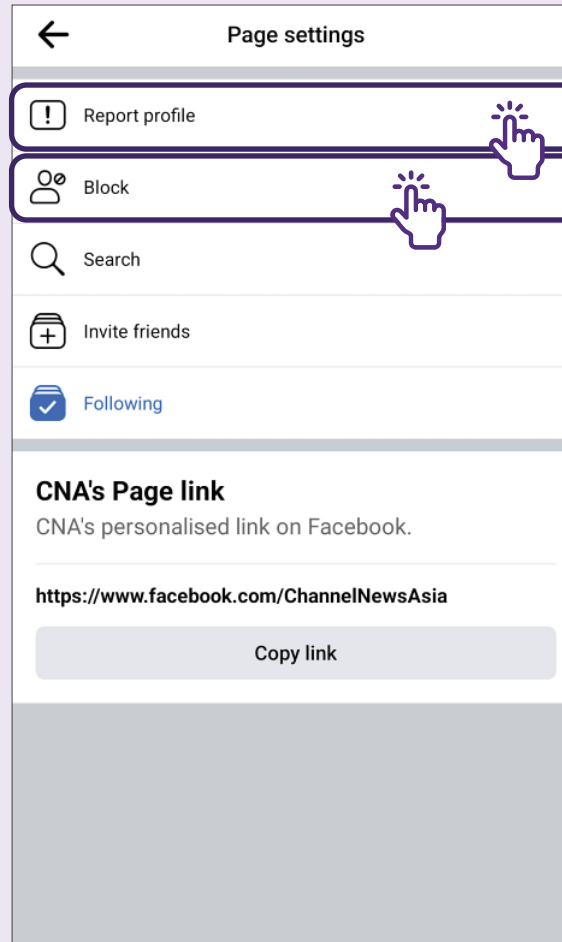
Tap on **"Send"** to share with a friend. (Messenger app required for this function.)

Block or Report a Page

1 Tap on the Menu Icon

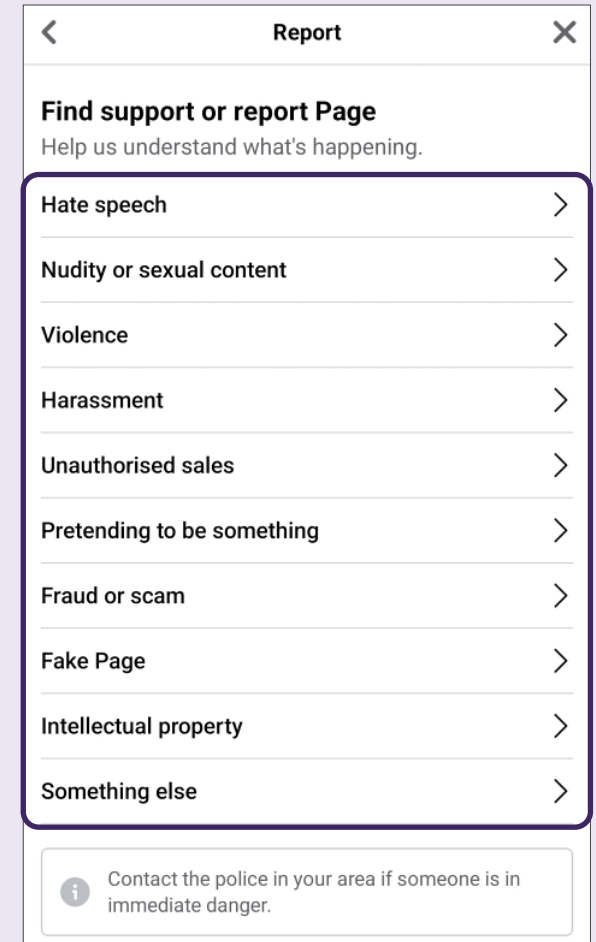


2 Block or Report Page



Tap on **"Block"** to block the page.
Tap on **"Report profile"** to report the page.

3 Report Page



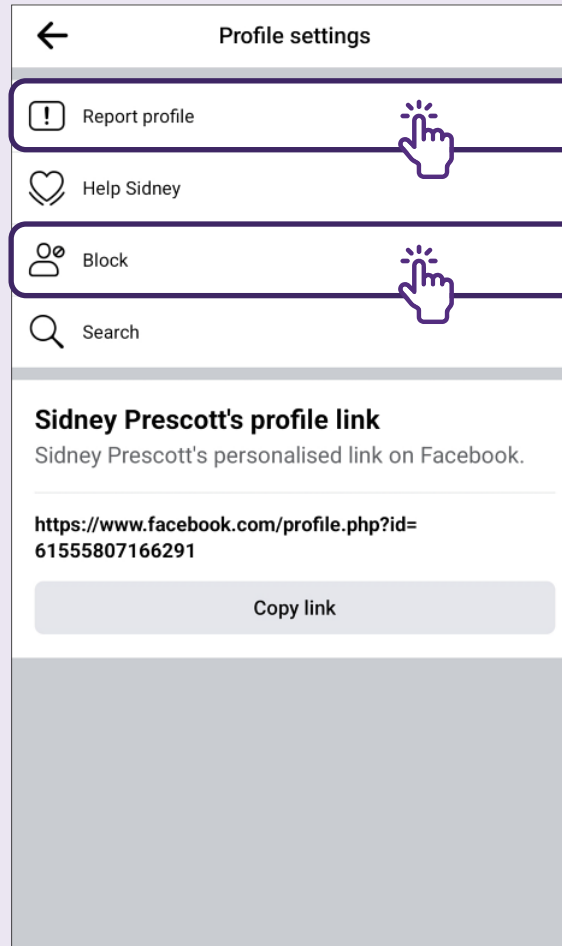
Select the option that best describes the issue to confirm reporting the page.

Block or Report a Profile

1 Tap on the Menu Icon

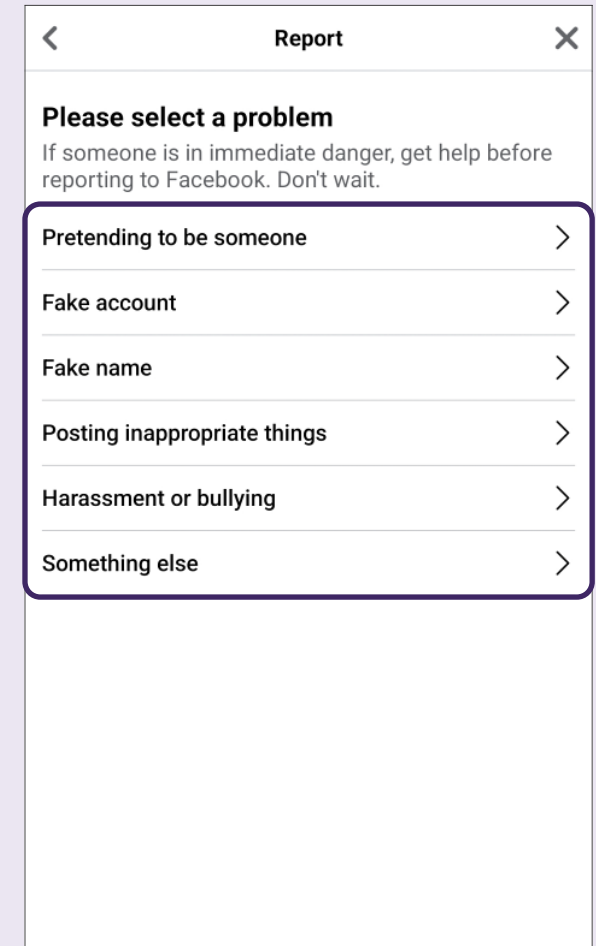


2 Block or Report Profile



Tap on **"Block"** to block the profile.
Tap on **"Report profile"** to report the profile.

3 Report Profile



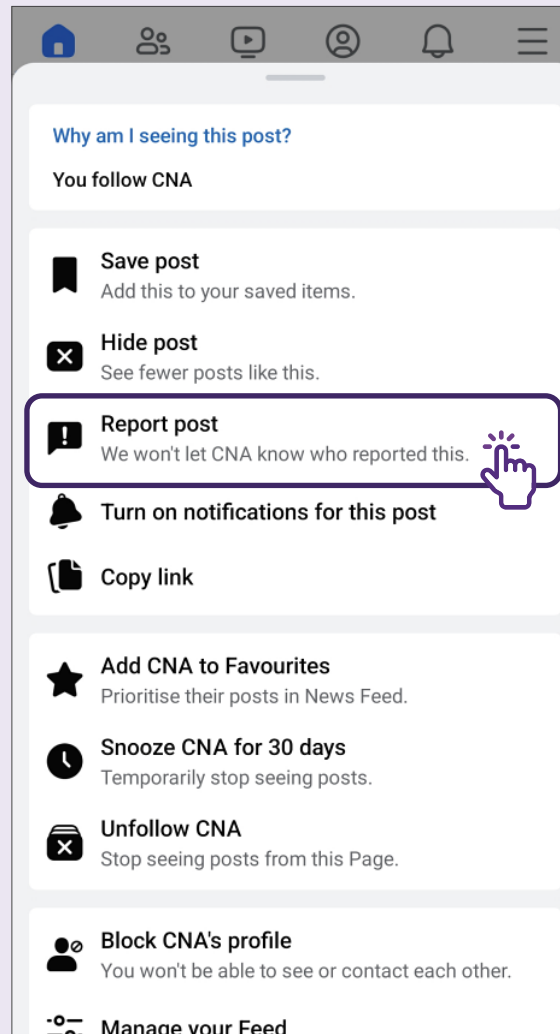
Select the option that best describes the issue to confirm reporting the profile.

Report a Post on Your Timeline

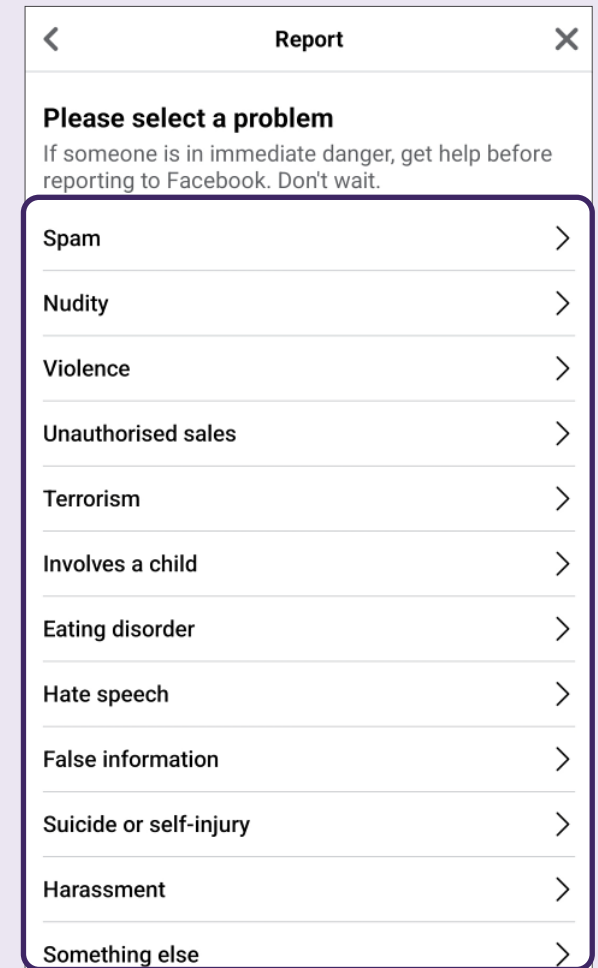
1 Tap on the Menu Icon



2 Report Post



3 Select a Problem



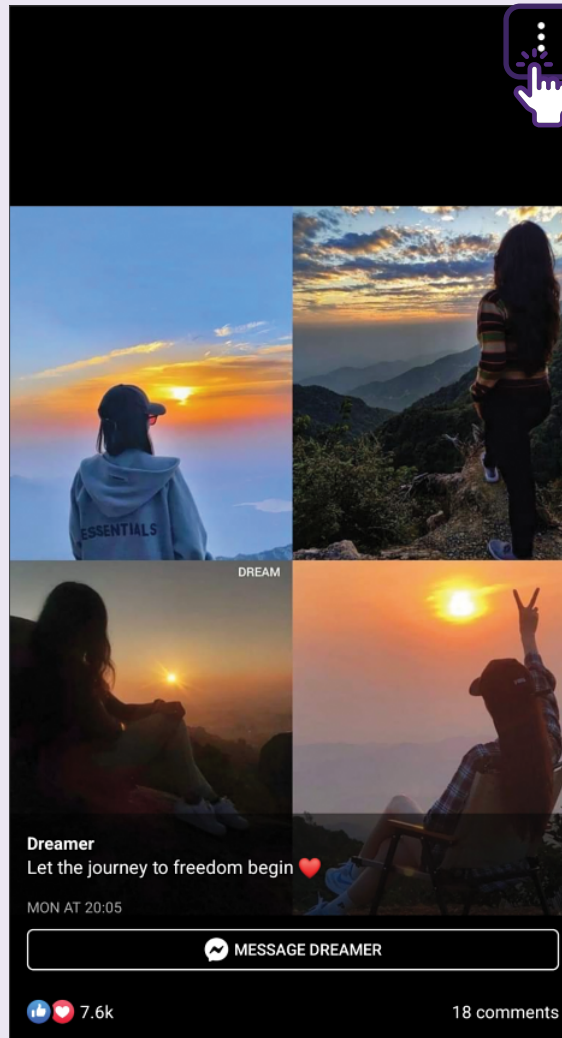
Select the option that best describes the issue to confirm reporting the post.

Report a Photo or Video

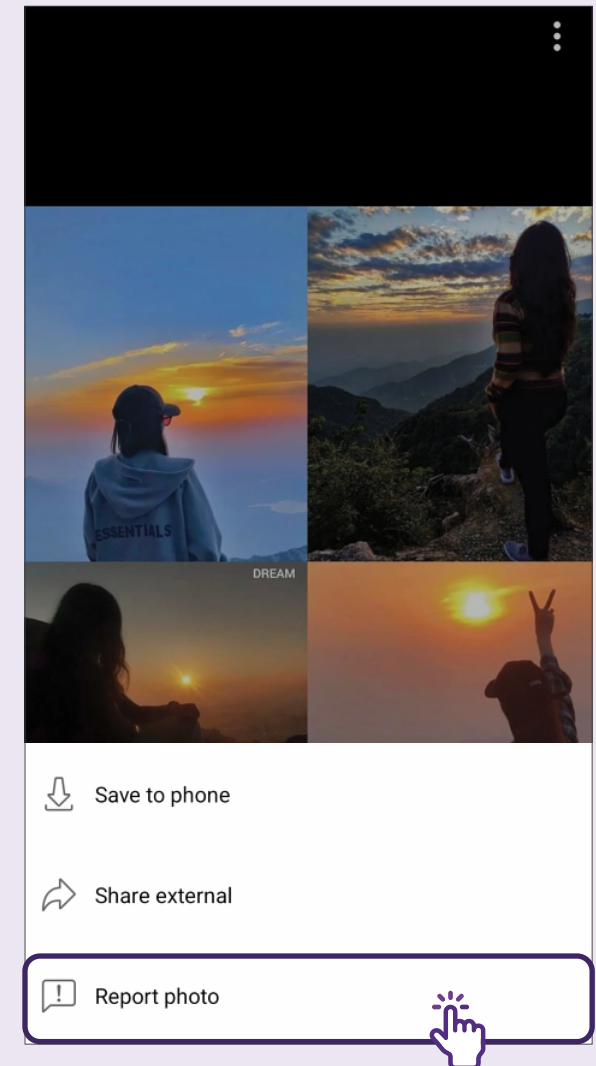
1 Tap on the Photo or Video



2 Tap on the Menu Icon

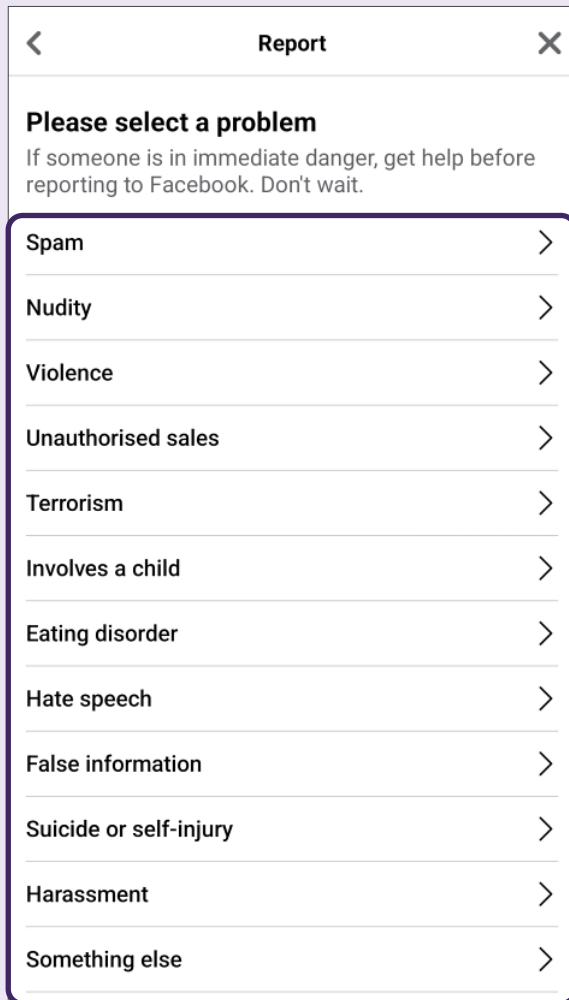


3 Report the Photo or Video



4

Select a Problem



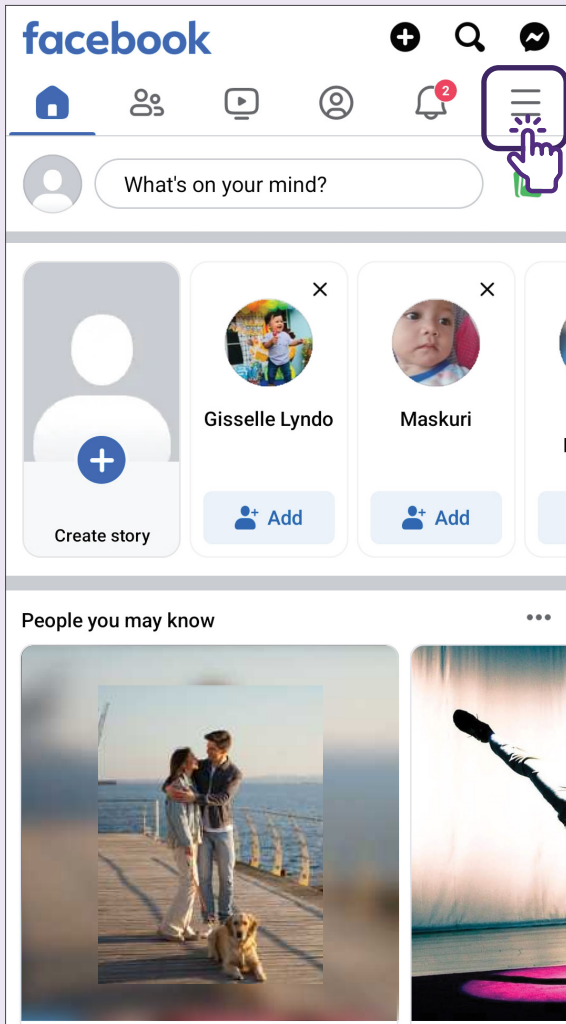
The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for reporting a problem. At the top, there is a back arrow, the word 'Report', and a close 'X' icon. Below this is a section titled 'Please select a problem' with a warning: 'If someone is in immediate danger, get help before reporting to Facebook. Don't wait.' A list of 14 options is shown, each with a right-pointing chevron. The list is enclosed in a purple border. The options are: Spam, Nudity, Violence, Unauthorised sales, Terrorism, Involves a child, Eating disorder, Hate speech, False information, Suicide or self-injury, Harassment, and Something else.

Problem	Action
Spam	>
Nudity	>
Violence	>
Unauthorised sales	>
Terrorism	>
Involves a child	>
Eating disorder	>
Hate speech	>
False information	>
Suicide or self-injury	>
Harassment	>
Something else	>

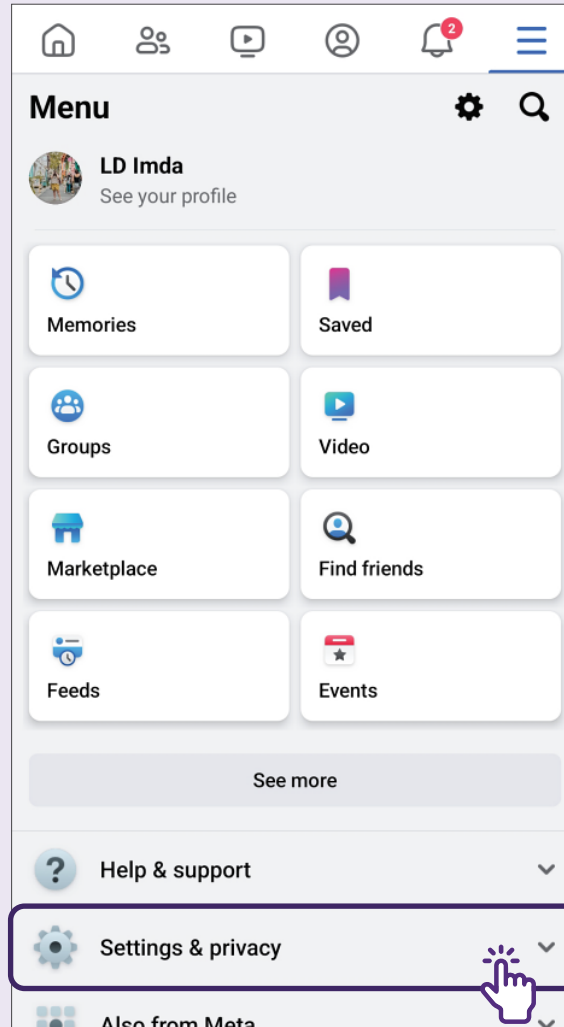
- Tap **"Report photo"** to report a photo, or tap **"Report video"** to report a video.
- Select the option that best describes the issue to confirm reporting the photo or video.

Deactivate or Delete Account

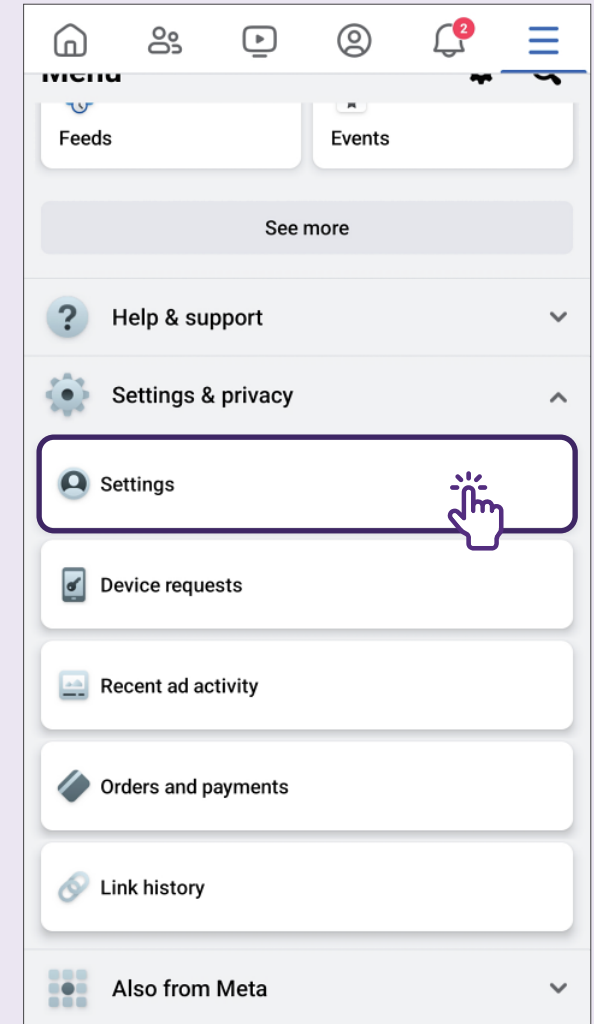
1 Tap on the Menu Icon



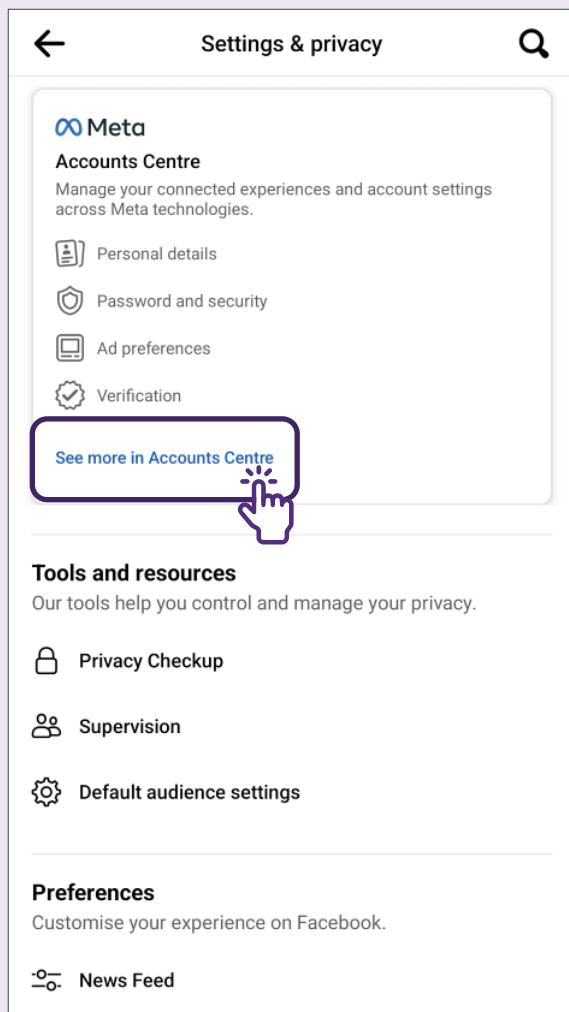
2 Tap on Settings & privacy



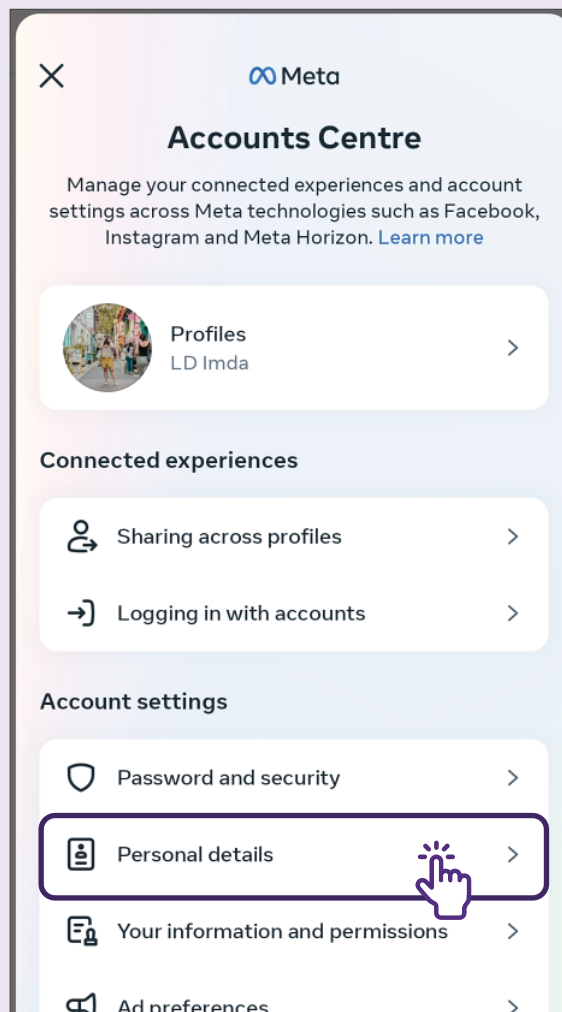
3 Tap on Settings



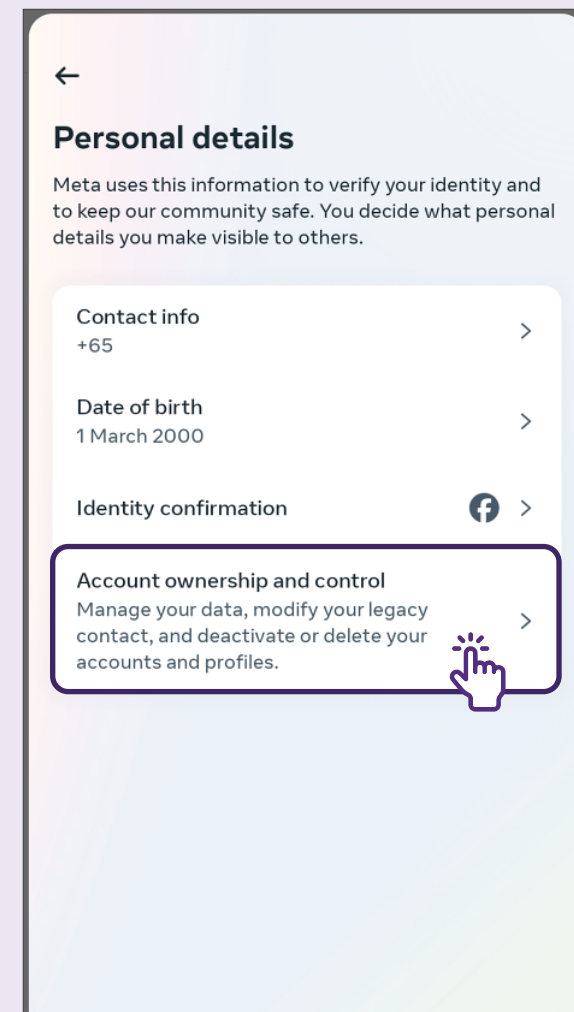
4 Tap on See more in Accounts Centre



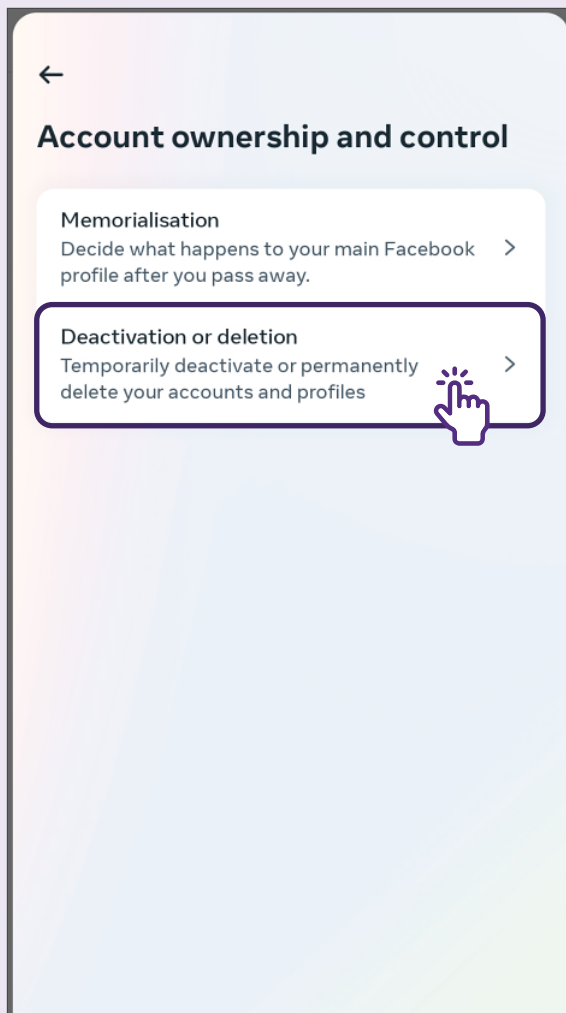
5 Tap on Personal details



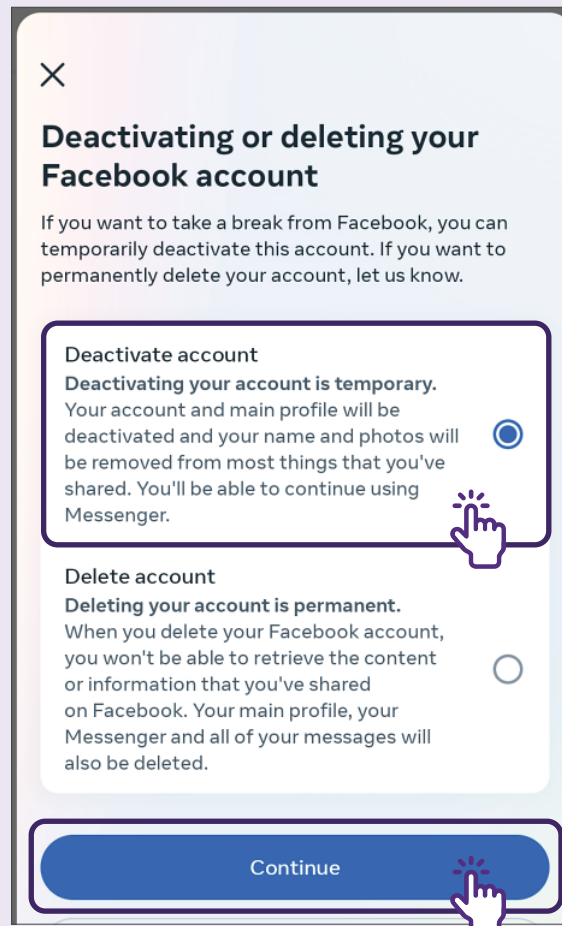
6 Tap on Account ownership and control



7 Select Deactivation or deletion

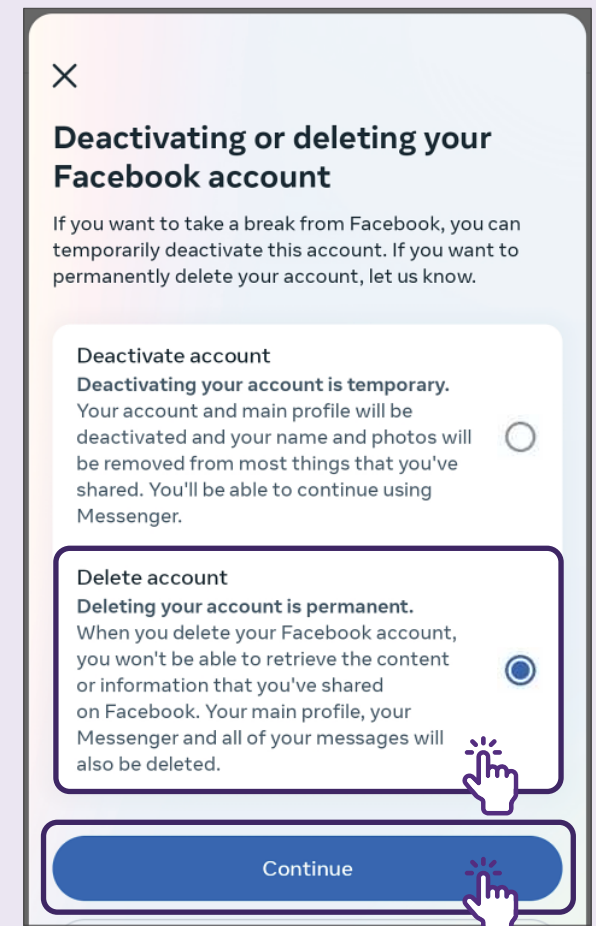


8 Deactivate Account



Select **"Deactivate account"** and then tap on **"Continue"** to temporarily deactivate your account.

9 Delete Account



Alternatively, select **"Delete account"** and tap on **"Continue"** to permanently delete your account.

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