

WhatsApp Introduces Message Editing Feature for its 2 Billion Users

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WhatsApp announced a new feature that will let people edit their messages. This feature will be available to all of its 2 billion users soon. WhatsApp is a mobile messaging app owned by the big American tech company Meta, which also owns Instagram and Facebook.

What does this mean? Well, if you make a mistake in your message or want to add something more, you will have 15 minutes to change it after you've sent it. To edit a message, you just have to press and hold the message and then select 'Edit'. The person you're talking to will know if a message was changed because it will be tagged as "edited", but they won't see exactly what you changed.

This edit function isn't completely new, as other messaging apps like Telegram and Signal already have this, and even Facebook has had this feature for almost 10 years. In fact, Facebook shows a history of the edits made to a post, but WhatsApp won't be doing this.

Last year, Twitter, the social media platform created by Elon Musk, also allowed paying subscribers to edit their tweets for 30 minutes after they were posted. This makes using these platforms easier and less stressful, especially when you're typing on a mobile phone where it's easy to make mistakes.

Comprehension Questions:

- 1) Why would someone possibly want to use the editing feature on WhatsApp?
 - a) To create a message history.
 - b) To delete their account.
 - c) To correct a mistake in a message.
 - d) To block other users.

- 2) According to the text, which platform has had the edit feature for the longest time?
 - a) WhatsApp
 - b) Instagram
 - c) Twitter
 - d) Telegram

- 3) How will a user know if a message they received on WhatsApp has been edited?
 - a) They will receive a notification.
 - b) The message will be tagged as "edited".
 - c) They will see the original message.
 - d) They won't know if a message has been edited.

- 4) Why is the edit function useful when typing on a mobile phone?
 - a) Because it's easier to navigate the app.
 - b) Because it's easy to make mistakes.
 - c) Because the app crashes often.
 - d) Because mobile phones often have slow internet connections.



- 5) Which of these statements is NOT true?
- The new feature will allow WhatsApp users to edit their messages.
 - Facebook shows a history of the edits made to a post.
 - The person receiving the message on WhatsApp will see exactly what was changed.
 - Twitter also allowed its paying subscribers to edit their tweets.
- 6) How does WhatsApp's new feature compare to other platforms?
- It is entirely unique.
 - It is more complex.
 - It is the first of its kind.
 - It follows a trend already present in other apps.
- 7) Based on the article, which of these statements is true?
- WhatsApp has just introduced a feature other messaging apps already had.
 - WhatsApp is the first to introduce this feature.
 - WhatsApp's feature is more advanced.
 - WhatsApp's feature is less user-friendly.
- 8) What do we know about the ownership of WhatsApp, Instagram, and Facebook?
- They are all owned by different companies.
 - They are all owned by Twitter.
 - They are all owned by the same company.
 - Nobody owns them because they are free.
- 9) Which of the following statements is true?
- All Twitter users can edit their messages at any time.
 - Paying Twitter users can edit their messages at any time
 - All twitter users must wait for more than 30 minutes before editing a tweet.
 - Paying Twitter users can edit their messages within 30 minutes.
- 10) What is the main idea of the article?
- WhatsApp is owned by Meta.
 - WhatsApp introduced a message editing feature.
 - Other messaging apps also have the message editing feature.
 - Twitter allows paying subscribers to edit their tweets.

Speaking and Writing Activities:

- Discuss these questions with a partner or a small group.
- Choose one topic and write a response to it. Show your writing to a classmate or teacher.

1. Which messaging apps do you use the most? Which ones do you like the most, and why?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages to being able to edit messages? Do you like this feature?
3. Do you think some people are addicted to messaging apps? What negative effects can these apps have?

