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## Level 0

### Social media 'destroying how society works'

14th December, 2017

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society-0.html>

An ex-Facebook boss said social media is harming our society. His job was to get more Facebook users. He feels bad about this. Twenty years ago, people talked to each other. Today, they message and don't talk. People worry too much about what others think. They get sad if people don't like the photos they post.

The man wants people to take a break from social media. He wants people to like each other instead of liking online "likes". Fake news is changing the world. A lot of "news" is untrue. People post lies about other people. This is a global problem. The man banned his children from social media. But, he said Facebook was good.

Sources: <https://www.theverge.com/2017/12/11/16761016/former-facebook-exec-ripping-apart-society>  
<http://mashable.com/2017/12/11/former-facebook-exec-destroying-how-society-works-chamath-palihapitiya/>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/dec/11/facebook-former-executive-ripping-society-apart>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. His job was to get more      | a. sad            |
| 2. He feels bad                 | b. and don't talk |
| 3. people talked to             | c. they post      |
| 4. Today, they message          | d. about this     |
| 5. People worry too             | e. think          |
| 6. what others                  | f. Facebook users |
| 7. They get                     | g. each other     |
| 8. people don't like the photos | h. much           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The man wants people to take | a. problem           |
| 2. He wants people to like each | b. good              |
| 3. instead of liking online     | c. a break           |
| 4. Fake news is changing        | d. from social media |
| 5. People post lies about       | e. other             |
| 6. This is a global             | f. "likes"           |
| 7. The man banned his children  | g. other people      |
| 8. he said Facebook was         | h. the world         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An ex-Facebook boss said social media (1) \_\_\_\_\_ society. His job was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook users. He feels (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Twenty years ago, people talked (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Today, they message and don't talk. People worry (5) \_\_\_\_\_ what others think. They get sad if people don't like the (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The man wants people to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from social media. He wants people to like each (8) \_\_\_\_\_ liking online "likes". Fake news (9) \_\_\_\_\_ world. A lot of "news" is untrue. People (10) \_\_\_\_\_ other people. This is (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The man banned his children (12) \_\_\_\_\_. But, he said Facebook was good.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society-0.html>

Facebookbossaidsocialmediaisharmingoursociety.Hisjobwastoget  
moreFacebookusers.Hefeelsbadaboutthis.Twentyyearsago,peopl  
etalkedtoeachother.Today,theymessageanddon'ttalk.Peopleworryt  
oomuchaboutwhatothersthink.Theygetsadifpeopledon'tlikethephot  
ostheypost.Themanwantspeopletotakeabreakfromsocialmedia.He  
wantspeopletolikeeachotherinsteadoflikingonline"likes".Fakenewsi  
schangingtheworld.Alotof"news"isuntrue.Peoplepostliesaboutother  
people.Thisaglobalproblem.Themanbannedhischildrenfromsocial  
media.But,hesaidFacebookwasgood.

# SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about social media in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

