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## Level 2

### Social media 'destroying how society works'

14th December, 2017

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society-2.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society-2.html>

An ex-Facebook boss has said social media is very harmful to our society. Chamath Palihapitiya joined Facebook in 2007. He was responsible for increasing Facebook's users. He is now very guilty about getting more people to use social media. He said the networks are destroying society. Twenty years ago, people talked to each other. Today, people message each other and do not talk. People worry too much about what others think of them. They post photos and wait to see how many people like the photo. They get sad if people do not like the photo.

Mr Palihapitiya said people should take a break from social media to experience real life. He wants people to value each other instead of valuing online "likes, and thumbs-up". Palihapitiya says fake news is affecting how we see the world. Large websites spread lies. It is also becoming easier to hurt other people online. Anyone can post lies about other people. Palihapitiya said this was a global problem. He has banned his children from using social media. However, he did say that Facebook was a good company. He said: "It's not all bad. Facebook overwhelmingly does good in the world."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. harmful to our                    | a. like the photo       |
| 2. He was responsible for increasing | b. use social media     |
| 3. getting more people to            | c. not like the photo   |
| 4. Twenty years ago, people talked   | d. Facebook's users     |
| 5. people message each other         | e. society              |
| 6. worry too much about what         | f. and do not talk      |
| 7. wait to see how many people       | g. to each other        |
| 8. They get sad if people do         | h. others think of them |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. take a                          | a. a good company     |
| 2. fake news is affecting how      | b. people online      |
| 3. easier to hurt other            | c. we see the world   |
| 4. Anyone can post lies            | d. good in the world  |
| 5. this was a global               | e. using social media |
| 6. He has banned his children from | f. about other people |
| 7. he did say that Facebook was    | g. break              |
| 8. Facebook overwhelmingly does    | h. problem            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An ex-Facebook boss has said social media (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to our society. Chamath Palihapitiya joined Facebook in 2007. He was responsible for increasing Facebook's users. He is now (2) \_\_\_\_\_ getting more people to use social media. He said the networks are destroying society. Twenty years ago, people talked (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Today, people message each other and do not talk. People (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about what others think of them. They post photos and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ how many people like the photo. They (6) \_\_\_\_\_ people do not like the photo.

Mr Palihapitiya said people should (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from social media to experience real life. He wants people (8) \_\_\_\_\_ other instead of valuing online "likes, and thumbs-up". Palihapitiya says fake news (9) \_\_\_\_\_ we see the world. Large websites spread lies. It is also becoming easier to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ online. Anyone can post lies about other people. Palihapitiya said this was a global problem. He (11) \_\_\_\_\_ children from using social media. However, he did say that Facebook was a good company. He said: "It's not all bad. Facebook overwhelmingly (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the world."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

