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Elon Musk buys Twitter for \$44 billion

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

The world's richest person, Elon Musk, has bought the social media site Twitter. Mr Musk bought the company for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, he bought 9.1 per cent of Twitter for \$2.64 billion. Twitter's value rose by 27 per cent after this. Musk then made a follow-up offer to buy the whole company, but the board of directors rejected this. However, on April the 25th, the board publicly accepted Mr Musk's offer. Musk is number seven on the list of Twitter's most-followed people. He has 84 million followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama tops the list with 131 million followers. Twitter's co-founder Jack Dorsey said he was happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I trust his mission."

Mr Musk said he wants to open up Twitter more to free speech. One of his biggest aims is to remove spam bots, which fill Twitter with fake tweets. Many spam bots are used to tweet false information to people voting in elections. They are also used to spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations, immigration and other social issues. Mr Musk said he wants to introduce new products. He said the company has "tremendous potential". One big question people are asking is whether Musk will allow former U.S. President Donald Trump back on the platform. He was banned in January 2021. Other concerns people have are about hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a rise in hate speech.

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WARM-UPS

1. TWITTER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Twitter. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

richest person / social media / company / value / whole / directors / happy / trust / Twitter / free speech / spam bots / conspiracy theories / question / concerns / hate

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. FREE SPEECH: Students A **strongly** believe we can say anything about anyone; Students B **strongly** believe we can't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BIG TECH COMPANIES: What do you think of these big tech companies? How can they be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Think	Improvements
Twitter		
Google		
Apple		
Amazon		
Netflix		
Facebook		

5. TWEET: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "tweet". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SOCIAL MEDIA: Rank these with your partner. Put the best social media sites at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Twitter
- Facebook
- YouTube
- Reddit
- TikTok
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- Pinterest

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 1. value | a. An action of saying you will pay money to buy something from someone. |
| 2. rose | b. So as to be seen or heard by other people. |
| 3. offer | c. How much money something is worth. |
| 4. whole | d. Went up; increased. |
| 5. rejected | e. All of something. |
| 6. publicly | f. Refused to agree to something. |
| 7. trust | g. Belief in the truth or ability of someone or something, |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 8. remove | h. A special medicine (usually put in your arm) to stop a disease or virus. |
| 9. fake | i. Take something or someone away from something. |
| 10. spread | j. A belief that a group of people is responsible for (false) information about an event. |
| 11. conspiracy theory | k. The action of coming to live in a foreign country. |
| 12. vaccination | l. Not real. |
| 13. immigration | m. Officially or legally stopped from doing something. |
| 14. banned | n. Move something over a wider area or to more people. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Elon Musk is the second-richest person in the world. **T / F**
2. Elon Musk bought 91% of Twitter on April the 4th. **T / F**
3. Elon Musk has the seventh most followers on Twitter. **T / F**
4. A previous boss of Twitter is unhappy that Mr Musk is the new boss. **T / F**
5. Mr Musk wants to get rid of spam bots from Twitter. **T / F**
6. Spam bots do not spread conspiracy theories on Twitter. **T / F**
7. Mr Musk has said Donald Trump can continue his Twitter account. **T / F**
8. Human rights groups are worried about a rise in hate speech. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. richest | a. goals |
| 2. bought | b. believe in |
| 3. rose | c. possibilities |
| 4. whole | d. purchased |
| 5. trust | e. untrue |
| 6. aims | f. worries |
| 7. false | g. wealthiest |
| 8. potential | h. let |
| 9. allow | i. increased |
| 10. concerns | j. entire |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. The world's | a. spam bots |
| 2. Twitter's value rose by 27 per cent | b. followed people |
| 3. Musk then made a follow- | c. theories |
| 4. the list of Twitter's most- | d. the list |
| 5. Barack Obama tops | e. rights groups |
| 6. One of his biggest aims is to remove | f. after this |
| 7. spam bots are used to tweet false | g. potential |
| 8. conspiracy | h. up offer |
| 9. the company has tremendous | i. information |
| 10. Human | j. richest person |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

The world's (1) _____ person, Elon Musk, has bought the social (2) _____ site Twitter. Mr Musk bought the company for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, he bought 9.1 per cent of Twitter for \$2.64 billion. Twitter's value (3) _____ by 27 per cent after this. Musk then made a follow-up offer to buy the whole company, but the (4) _____ of directors rejected this. However, on April the 25th, the board publicly accepted Mr Musk's (5) _____. Musk is number seven on the (6) _____ of Twitter's most-followed people. He has 84 million followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama (7) _____ the list with 131 million followers. Twitter's co-founder Jack Dorsey said he was happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I (8) _____ his mission."

offer
rose
trust
richest
list
media
tops
board

Mr Musk said he wants to (9) _____ up Twitter more to free speech. One of his biggest aims is to (10) _____ spam bots, which fill Twitter with fake tweets. Many spam bots are used to tweet (11) _____ information to people voting in elections. They are also used to spread conspiracy (12) _____ about vaccinations, immigration and other social issues. Mr Musk said he wants to introduce new products. He said the company has "tremendous (13) _____". One big question people are asking is whether Musk will allow former U.S. President Donald Trump back on the (14) _____. He was banned in January 2021. Other (15) _____ people have are about hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a (16) _____ in hate speech.

potential
open
remove
concerns
theories
rise
false
platform

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

- 1) The world's richest person, Elon Musk, has bought the _____ Twitter
 - a. socially media site
 - b. social medium site
 - c. social media site
 - d. social medium site
- 2) made a follow-up offer to buy the whole company, but the board of _____
 - a. directors rejected his
 - b. directors rejected these
 - c. directors rejected this
 - d. directors reject it this
- 3) However, on April the 25th, the board publicly accepted _____
 - a. Mr Musk's coffer
 - b. Mr Musk's proffer
 - c. Mr Musk's doffer
 - d. Mr Musk's offer
- 4) Former U.S. President Barack Obama tops the list with _____
 - a. 131 billion follower
 - b. 131 million follower
 - c. 131 million followers
 - d. 131 million followings
- 5) happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I _____"
 - a. trust his missing
 - b. trust his miss shun
 - c. trust this mission
 - d. trust his mission
- 6) Mr Musk said he wants to open up Twitter more _____
 - a. to freeze speech
 - b. to free speech
 - c. to frees speech
 - d. to freed speech
- 7) One of his biggest aims is to remove spam bots, which fill Twitter _____
 - a. with fake tweets
 - b. with flake tweets
 - c. with flack tweets
 - d. with frock tweets
- 8) to people voting in elections. They are also used to _____
 - a. spared conspiracy theories
 - b. spread conspiracy theory
 - c. spread conspiracy theories
 - d. spread conspiracies theories
- 9) he wants to introduce new products. He said the company _____
 - a. his tremendous potential
 - b. has tremendously potential
 - c. has tremendous potent shall
 - d. has tremendous potential
- 10) Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a rise _____
 - a. in height speech
 - b. in hate speech
 - c. in hated speech
 - d. on hate speech

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

1. Where is Elon Musk on the world's richest people list?
2. When did Mr Musk purchase 9.1 per cent of Twitter?
3. Who publicly accepted Mr Musk's offer on April the 25th?
4. Who has the most followers on Twitter?
5. Who trusts Elon Musk's mission?
6. What does Elon Musk want to remove from Twitter?
7. What kinds of theories do spam bots spread?
8. What does Elon Musk want to introduce?
9. Who might be allowed to come back to Twitter?
10. Who is worried about a rise in hate speech?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

- 1) Where is Elon Musk on the world's richest people list?
 - a) number two
 - b) number seven
 - c) number three
 - d) number one
- 2) When did Mr Musk purchase 9.1 per cent of Twitter?
 - a) last year
 - b) April the 4th
 - c) April the 25th
 - d) yesterday
- 3) Who publicly accepted Mr Musk's offer on April the 25th?
 - a) Jack Dorsey
 - b) Facebook
 - c) the board of directors
 - d) Silicon Valley
- 4) Who has the most followers on Twitter?
 - a) Barack Obama
 - b) Katie Perry
 - c) Adele
 - d) Cristiano Ronaldo
- 5) Who trusts Elon Musk's mission?
 - a) Joe Biden
 - b) Donald Trump
 - c) Jack Dorsey
 - d) the CEO of Apple
- 6) What does Elon Musk want to remove from Twitter?
 - a) ads
 - b) spam bots
 - c) fake accounts
 - d) lies
- 7) What kinds of theories do spam bots spread?
 - a) scientific theories
 - b) new theories
 - c) easy to understand theories
 - d) conspiracy theories
- 8) What does Elon Musk want to introduce?
 - a) new products
 - b) subscriptions
 - c) video tweets
 - d) a TikTok format
- 9) Who might be allowed to come back to Twitter?
 - a) Elon Musk
 - b) Jack Dorsey
 - c) Donald Trump
 - d) Bob
- 10) Who is worried about a rise in hate speech?
 - a) Elon Musk
 - b) human rights groups
 - c) Jack Dorsey
 - d) poor people

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Twitter

You think Twitter is the best social media site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Facebook, TikTok or Instagram.

Role B – Facebook

You think Facebook is the best social media site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Twitter, TikTok or Instagram.

Role C – TikTok

You think TikTok is the best social media site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

Role D – Instagram

You think Instagram is the best social media site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Facebook, TikTok or Twitter.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'free' and 'speech'.

free	speech
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• person• value• rejected• seven• tops• new	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• aims• false• spread• introduce• platform• groups
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TWITTER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Twitter 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-Presidentations to other groups on your findings.

TWITTER DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'free'?
3. What do you think of Twitter?
4. How important is free speech?
5. Are you free to say anything in your country?
6. Do you think Twitter is good or bad?
7. What's the best social media platform?
8. Is it OK for one person to own Twitter?
9. Who do you like to follow on social media?
10. What advice do you have for Elon Musk?

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TWITTER DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'speech'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Elon Musk?
15. What do you know about spam bots?
16. What do you think of conspiracy theories?
17. Have you read false information about vaccinations?
18. Should Twitter allow Donald Trump back?
19. What new things should Twitter do?
20. What questions would you like to ask Elon Musk?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) buys | (b) buying | (c) bought | (d) buy |
| 2. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) for |
| 3. | (a) rose | (b) tulip | (c) climber | (d) flowered |
| 4. | (a) up | (b) of | (c) at | (d) to |
| 5. | (a) stop | (b) tops | (c) atop | (d) pots |
| 6. | (a) tryst | (b) thrust | (c) thirst | (d) trust |
| 7. | (a) targets | (b) sights | (c) goals | (d) aims |
| 8. | (a) fails | (b) fierce | (c) farce | (d) false |
| 9. | (a) about | (b) of | (c) at | (d) by |
| 10. | (a) return | (b) back | (c) be | (d) come |
| 11. | (a) binned | (b) banned | (c) band | (d) bend |
| 12. | (a) up | (b) on | (c) in | (d) over |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Twitter's vuale rose by 27 per cent
2. buy the hlewo company
3. the board of tcdrieros
4. the board publicly aedcptc Mr Musk's offer
5. Obama tops the list with 131 million flesolwro
6. I trust his mionssi

Paragraph 2

7. tweet lfaes information
8. conspiracy eehotirs
9. the company has tremendous eotnatilp
10. back on the latfpomr
11. Other nnoecscr people have
12. Human hirgts groups

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Mr Musk said he wants to open up Twitter more to free speech. One of his biggest aims is to remove spam
- () offer. Musk is number seven on the list of Twitter's most-followed people. He has 84 million
- () followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama tops the list with 131 million followers. Twitter's co-founder
- () bots, which fill Twitter with fake tweets. Many spam bots are used to tweet false information to people voting
- () of directors rejected this. However, on April the 25th, the board publicly accepted Mr Musk's
- () Jack Dorsey said he was happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I trust his mission."
- () issues. Mr Musk said he wants to introduce new products. He said the company has "tremendous
- () people have are about hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a rise in hate speech.
- () President Donald Trump back on the platform. He was banned in January 2021. Other concerns
- () company for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, he bought 9.1 per cent of Twitter for \$2.64 billion. Twitter's value
- () in elections. They are also used to spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations, immigration and other social
- () potential". One big question people are asking is whether Musk will allow former U.S.
- () rose by 27 per cent after this. Musk then made a follow-up offer to buy the whole company, but the board
- (**1**) The world's richest person, Elon Musk, has bought the social media site Twitter. Mr Musk bought the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

1. the bought has site media Twitter . social Musk
2. per rose cent 27 Twitter's after by this . value
3. people . list on Seven Twitter's most-followed of the
4. followers . tops 131 list with the Obama million
5. He's new Twitter's that happy Mr is Musk owner .
6. open to speech . to Twitter He wants free
7. to tweet used Spam false are bots information .
8. vaccinations . about spread used to conspiracy theories They're
9. Musk new wants to he products . introduce said
10. people are Other have concerns hate about speech .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.html>

The world's *richest / rich* person, Elon Musk, has bought the social media site Twitter. Mr Musk *brought / bought* the company for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, he bought 9.1 per cent *for / of* Twitter for \$2.64 billion. Twitter's value *rose / tulip* by 27 per cent after this. Musk then made a follow-up offer to buy the *hole / whole* company, but the board of directors rejected *this / them*. However, on April the 25th, the board *publicly / public* accepted Mr Musk's offer. Musk is number seven *on / at* the list of Twitter's most-followed people. He has 84 million followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama *stops / tops* the list with 131 million followers. Twitter's co-founder Jack Dorsey said he was happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I *trust / truth* his mission."

Mr Musk said he wants to open up Twitter more to *freely / free* speech. One of his biggest aims is to remove *spam / beef* bots, which fill Twitter with fake tweets. Many spam bots are used to tweet *falsely / false* information to people voting in elections. They are also used to spread conspiracy *theory / theories* about vaccinations, immigration and other social *tissues / issues*. Mr Musk said he wants to introduce new *products / produce*. He said the company has "tremendous potential". One big question people are asking is whether Musk will allow *farmer / former* U.S. President Donald Trump back on the platform. He was *banned / binned* in January 2021. Other concerns people have *are / be* about hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a rise *on / in* hate speech.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ w_rld's r_ch_st p_rs_n, _l_n M_sk, h_s b__ght th_ s_c__l m_d__ s_t_ Tw_tt_r. Mr M_sk b__ght th_ c_m_p_ny f_r \$44 b_ll__n. _n _pr_l th_ 4th, h_ b__ght 9.1 p_r c_nt _f Tw_tt_r f_r \$2.64 b_ll__n. Tw_tt_r's v_l__ r_s_ by 27 p_r c_nt _ft_r th_s. M_sk th_n m_d_ _ f_ll_w-_p _ff_r t_ b_y th_ wh_l_ c_m_p_ny, b_t th_ b__rd _f d_r_ct_rs r_j_ct_d th_s. H_w_v_r, _n J_n__ry th_ 25th, th_ b__rd p_bl_cly _cc_pt_d Mr M_sk's _ff_r. M_sk _s n_mb_r s_v_n _n th_ l_st _f Tw_tt_r's m_st-f_ll_w_d p__pl_. H_ h_s 84 m_ll__n f_ll_w_rs. F_rm_r _S. Pr_s_d_nt B_r_ck _b_m_ t_ps th_ l_st w_th 131 m_ll__n f_ll_w_rs. Tw_tt_r's c_-f__nd_r J_ck D_rs_y s__d h_ w_s h_ppy th_t Mr M_sk _s Tw_tt_r's n_w _wn_r. H_ s__d: "_ tr_st h_s m_ss__n."

Mr M_sk s__d h_ w_nts t_ _p_n _p Tw_tt_r m_r_ t_ fr__ sp__ch. _n_ _f h_s b_gg_st __ms _s t_ r_m_v_ sp_m b_ts, wh_ch f_ll Tw_tt_r w_th f_k_ tw__ts. M_ny sp_m b_ts _r_ _s_d t_ tw__t f_ls_ _nf_rm_t__n t_ p__pl_ v_t_ng _n _l_ct__ns. Th_y _r_ _ls_ _s_d t_ spr__d c_nsp_r_cy th__r__s _b__t v_cc_n_t__ns, _mm_gr_t__n _nd _th_r s_c__l _ss__s. Mr M_sk s__d h_ w_nts t_ _ntr_d_c_ n_w pr_d_cts. H_ s__d th_ c_m_p_ny h_s "tr_m_nd__s p_t_nt__l". _n_ b_g q__st__n p__pl_ _r_ _sk_ng _s wh_th_r M_sk w_ll _ll_w f_rm_r _S. Pr_s_d_nt D_n_ld Tr_m_p b_ck _n th_ pl_tf_rm. H_ w_s b_nn_d _n J_n__ry 2021. _th_r c_nc_rns p__pl_ h_v_ _r_ _b__t h_t_ sp__ch. H_m_n r_ghts gr__ps s_y _ m_r_ _p_n Tw_tt_r c__ld l__d t_ _ r_s_ _n h_t_ sp__ch.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the worlds richest person elon musk has bought the social media site twitter
mr musk bought the company for 44 billion on april the 4th he bought 91
per cent of twitter for 264 billion twitters value rose by 27 per cent after this
musk then made a followup offer to buy the whole company but the board of
directors rejected this however on April the 25th the board publicly accepted
mr musks offer musk is number seven on the list of twitters mostfollowed
people he has 84 million followers former us president barack obama tops
the list with 131 million followers twitters cofounder jack dorsey said he was
happy that mr musk is twitters new owner he said i trust his mission
mr musk said he wants to open up twitter more to free speech one of his
biggest aims is to remove spam bots which fill twitter with fake tweets many
spam bots are used to tweet false information to people voting in elections
they are also used to spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations
immigration and other social issues mr musk said he wants to introduce new
products he said the company has tremendous potential one big question
people are asking is whether musk will allow former us President donald
trump back on the platform he was banned in january 2021 other concerns
people have are about hate speech human rights groups say a more open
twitter could lead to a rise in hate speech

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The world's richest person, Elon Musk, has bought the social media site Twitter. Mr Musk bought the company for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, he bought 9.1 percent of Twitter for \$2.64 billion. Twitter's value rose by 27 percent after this. Musk then made a follow-up offer to buy the whole company, but the board of directors rejected this. However, on April the 25th, the board publicly accepted Mr Musk's offer. Musk is number seven on the list of Twitter's most-followed people. He has 84 million followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama is top of the list with 131 million followers. Twitter's co-founder Jack Dorsey said he was happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I trust this mission." Mr Musk said he wants to open up Twitter more to free speech. One of his biggest aims is to remove spam bots, which fill Twitter with fake tweets. Many spam bots are used to tweet false information to people voting in elections. They are also used to spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations, immigration and other social issues. Mr Musk said he wants to introduce new products. He said the company has "tremendous potential". One big question people are asking is whether Musk will allow former U.S. President Donald Trump back on the platform. He was banned in January 2021. Other concerns people have are about hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a rise in hate speech.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TWITTER: Make a poster about Twitter. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FREE SPEECH: Write a magazine article about anybody being able to write anything on Twitter. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Twitter. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on Twitter. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. e 5. f 6. b 7. g
8. i 9. l 10. n 11. j 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. j	5. b
6. a	7. e	8. c	9. h	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Number one
- April the 4th
- The board of directors
- Barack Obama
- Jack Dorsey
- Spam bots
- Conspiracy theories
- New products
- Donald Trump
- Human rights groups

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Musk has bought the social media site Twitter.
- Twitter's value rose by 27 per cent after this.
- Seven on the list of Twitter's most-followed people.
- Obama tops the list with 131 million followers.
- He's happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner.
- He wants to open Twitter to free speech.
- Spam bots are used to tweet false information.
- They're used to spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations.
- Musk said he wants to introduce new products.
- Other concerns people have are about hate speech.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)