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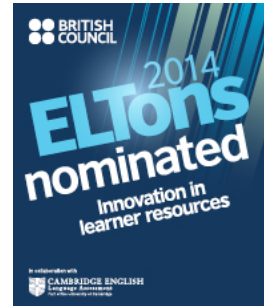
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THE READING

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A Turkish court has said the country's Twitter ban damages free speech and people's right to express themselves. Turkey blocked Twitter in March. The Prime Minister was angry because someone posted details of possible corruption online before the country's elections. The posts could be embarrassing. Mr Erdogan is a critic of social media. He said in a speech: "We will wipe out Twitter. I don't care what the international community says."

Turks found different ways to use Twitter. There was an increase in tweets after the ban but now they are down by half. Many Turks are angry because of the Twitter ban. They will try anything to access Twitter. The court said: "Everyone has the right to express and [share] his/her thoughts and opinions." Twitter was happy with what the court said. A company spokesperson tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter access restored in Turkey soon."

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A Turkish | a. Twitter in March |
| 2. people's right to express | b. possible corruption |
| 3. Turkey blocked | c. out Twitter |
| 4. someone posted details of | d. be embarrassing |
| 5. The posts could | e. community |
| 6. We will wipe | f. court |
| 7. I don't | g. themselves |
| 8. the international | h. care |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. different ways | a. half |
| 2. There was an | b. the right |
| 3. they are down by | c. access Twitter |
| 4. Turks are angry because | d. restored in Turkey soon |
| 5. They will try anything to | e. to use Twitter |
| 6. Everyone has | f. thoughts and opinions |
| 7. express and share his/her | g. increase in tweets |
| 8. have Twitter access | h. of the Twitter ban |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Turkish (1) _____ country's Twitter ban damages free speech and people's (2) _____ themselves. Turkey blocked Twitter in March. The Prime Minister was angry because someone (3) _____ possible corruption (4) _____ country's elections. The posts could be embarrassing. Mr Erdogan is a critic of social media. He (5) _____: "We will wipe out Twitter. I don't care what the (6) _____ says."

Turks found (7) _____ Twitter. There was an increase in tweets after the ban but (8) _____ by half. Many Turks are angry (9) _____ Twitter ban. They will try anything to access Twitter. The court said: "Everyone has the (10) _____ and [share] his/her thoughts and opinions." Twitter (11) _____ the court said. A company spokesperson tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter (12) _____ Turkey soon."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
