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Level 4 – 16th October 2023

EU warns X over Israel-Hamas disinformation

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Social media is full of information about Israel and Gaza. There are concerns about how much of it is fake. The EU opened an investigation into the website X. The EU says there is an alarming amount of false information on the site. The EU is worried X is, "being used to disseminate illegal content and disinformation". It gave X until the end of next week to answer questions about this content. The EU could fine X five per cent of the company's daily turnover.

The EU probe is looking at how tech companies deal with hate speech. The EU advised X to introduce, "proportionate and effective mitigation measures" to identify and delete disinformation. It added: "We have...reports about potentially illegal content circulating on X." Hundreds of bogus accounts are flooding the Internet with harmful content. X has removed hundreds of these. A social media expert called this, "a drop in the ocean".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Social media is | a. illegal content |
| 2. There are concerns about how | b. an investigation |
| 3. The EU opened | c. on the site |
| 4. there is an alarming | d. end of next week |
| 5. false information | e. much of it is fake |
| 6. used to disseminate | f. amount |
| 7. until the | g. turnover |
| 8. the company's daily | h. full of information |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The EU probe is | a. hundreds of these |
| 2. effective mitigation | b. circulating on X |
| 3. illegal content | c. in the ocean |
| 4. bogus | d. measures |
| 5. flooding the Internet | e. looking at how |
| 6. X has removed | f. expert |
| 7. social media | g. accounts |
| 8. a drop | h. with harmful content |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Social media is (1) _____ about Israel and Gaza. There are concerns about how much of (2) _____. The EU opened an investigation into the website X. The EU says there (3) _____ amount of false information on the site. The EU is worried X is, "being (4) _____ illegal content and disinformation". It gave X until the end of next week to answer questions (5) _____. The EU could fine X five per cent of the (6) _____.

The EU (7) _____ at how tech companies deal with hate speech. The EU advised X to introduce, "proportionate and effective mitigation measures" to (8) _____ disinformation. It added: "We have...(9) _____ illegal content circulating on X." Hundreds of bogus accounts (10) _____ Internet with harmful content. X has removed (11) _____. A social media expert called this, "(12) _____ the ocean".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ONLINE DISINFORMATION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about online disinformation 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) _____

