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Web full of energy but also has 'dark side'

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THE ARTICLE

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The founder of the Internet, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has spoken about his creation 25 years after he helped to conceive it. He said it has been a force for good, but it also has a negative side. Mr Berners-Lee was speaking to the BBC at London's Science Museum. He said: "Everywhere I look I see a mass of energy, a huge amount of energy, and also in some places, they are using the web for organised protests against oppressive regimes." He also lamented the growing use of the Internet for trolling and negativity. He said: "It's staggering to me that people who must have been brought up like anybody else will suddenly become very polarised in their opinions and will suddenly become very hateful instead of very loving."

Berners-Lee was at the Science Museum to view an important part of Internet history. The museum will house the server that hosted the first ever website. It is part of a new exhibition called the Information Age. The machine still has a reminder on it written by Berners-Lee that warns: "This machine is a server. Do not power it down." Berners-Lee is currently the director of an organisation called the World Wide Web Consortium, which oversees the Web's continued development. Talking about the future of the Internet, he said: "Maybe we will be able to build web-based tools that help us keep people on the path of collaborating rather than fighting." He hopes the Web will remain "a medium for positive change".

Sources: <http://www.thedrum.com/news/2014/10/24/web-polarises-people-making-them-hateful-says-tim-berners-lee>
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tim_Berners-Lee

WARM-UPS

1. THE INTERNET: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Internet. 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?

founder / creation / force for good / museum / energy / protests / trolling / negativity / history / server / website / reminder / currently / future / collaborating / change

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

3. GOOD & BAD: What good and bad can / does the Internet do? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

The Internet and...	Good	Bad
friendships		
news		
photos		
music		
collaborating		
money		

4. POSITIVE: Students A **strongly** believe the Internet will bring lots of positive change in the future; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. WEBSITES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- sports
- weather
- fashion
- English studying
- games
- news
- hobbies
- search

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141026-the-internet.html>

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Tim Berners-Lee conceived of the Internet 50 years ago. | T / F |
| b. Mr Berners Lee spoke to the BBC at London's Museum of the Internet. | T / F |
| c. Berners-Lee was a little sad that there were so many trolls online. | T / F |
| d. Berners-Lee was surprised that people chose to hate instead of love. | T / F |
| e. A museum is showing the server that hosted the very first website. | T / F |
| f. Berners-Lee was at a new museum exhibition called the 'Internet Age'. | T / F |
| g. Berners-Lee left his post at a World Wide Web organization last year. | T / F |
| h. Berners-Lee hopes web-based tools will help us work together more. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. founder | a. accommodate |
| 2. conceive | b. originator |
| 3. huge | c. divided |
| 4. oppressive | d. presently |
| 5. polarised | e. enormous |
| 6. view | f. joining forces |
| 7. house | g. come up with |
| 8. currently | h. means |
| 9. collaborating | i. dictatorial |
| 10. medium | j. look at |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The founder | a. of very loving |
| 2. I see a mass | b. the first ever website |
| 3. organised protests against | c. development |
| 4. become very polarised | d. of energy |
| 5. become very hateful instead | e. for positive change |
| 6. house the server that hosted | f. path of collaborating |
| 7. a new exhibition called the | g. in their opinions |
| 8. oversees the Web's continued | h. Information Age |
| 9. keep people on the | i. oppressive regimes |
| 10. a medium | j. of the Internet |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141026-the-internet.html>

The (1) _____ of the Internet, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has spoken about his (2) _____ 25 years after he helped to conceive it. He said it has been a force for good, but it also has a (3) _____ side. Mr Berners-Lee was speaking to the BBC at London's Science Museum. He said: "Everywhere I look I see a (4) _____ of energy, a huge amount of energy, and also in some places, they are using the web for organised protests against oppressive (5) _____." He also lamented the growing use of the Internet for trolling and negativity. He said: "It's (6) _____ to me that people who must have been brought up like anybody else will suddenly become very (7) _____ in their opinions and will suddenly become very (8) _____ instead of very loving."

regimes
negative
mass
founder
hateful
staggering
creation
polarised

Berners-Lee was at the Science Museum to (9) _____ an important part of Internet history. The museum will house the (10) _____ that hosted the first ever website. It is part of a new exhibition called the Information Age. The machine still has a (11) _____ on it written by Berners-Lee that warns: "This machine is a server. Do not (12) _____ it down." Berners-Lee is currently the director of an organisation called the World Wide Web Consortium, which (13) _____ the Web's continued development. Talking about the future of the Internet, he said: "Maybe we will be able to build web-based (14) _____ that help us keep people on the path of (15) _____ rather than fighting." He hopes the Web will remain "a (16) _____ for positive change".

power
server
collaborating
reminder
view
medium
tools
oversees

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141026-the-internet.html>

- 1) Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has spoken about his creation 25 years after he helped _____
 - a. to concept it
 - b. to conceit it
 - c. to concierge it
 - d. to conceive it
- 2) He said: "Everywhere I look I see a mass of energy, a huge _____
 - a. amounts of energy
 - b. a mount of energy
 - c. amount of energy
 - d. a mountain of energy
- 3) they are using the web for organised protests against _____
 - a. oppressively regimes
 - b. oppressive regimes
 - c. impressive regimes
 - d. progressive regimes
- 4) He also lamented the growing use of the Internet for _____
 - a. trolling and negativity
 - b. trailing and negativity
 - c. trawling and negativity
 - d. trilling and negativity
- 5) very polarised in their opinions and will suddenly become very hateful _____ loving
 - a. instead of very
 - b. rather of very
 - c. instead than very
 - d. rather of very
- 6) The museum will house the server that _____ ever website
 - a. hasted the first
 - b. hoisted the first
 - c. hosted the first
 - d. holstered the first
- 7) The machine still has a reminder _____ Berners-Lee
 - a. on it writing by
 - b. on it wrote by
 - c. on it writ and by
 - d. on it written by
- 8) the World Wide Web Consortium, which oversees the Web's _____
 - a. continued development
 - b. continual development
 - c. continuance development
 - d. continued developments
- 9) help us keep people on the path of collaborating _____
 - a. rather of fighting
 - b. instead than fighting
 - c. prefer than fighting
 - d. rather than fighting
- 10) He hopes the Web will remain "a medium _____".
 - a. for positive change
 - b. for positive changed
 - c. for positive changes
 - d. for positive changing

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141026-the-internet.html>

The founder of the Internet, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has spoken about his creation 25 years after he (1) _____. He said it has been a force for good, but it also (2) _____. Mr Berners-Lee was speaking to the BBC at London's Science Museum. He said: "Everywhere I look I see (3) _____, a huge amount of energy, and also in some places, they are using the web for organised protests against (4) _____." He also lamented the growing use of the Internet for trolling and negativity. He said: "It's (5) _____ people who must have been brought up like anybody else will suddenly become very polarised in their opinions and will suddenly become very hateful (6) _____."

Berners-Lee was at the Science Museum (7) _____ part of Internet history. The museum will (8) _____ hosted the first ever website. It is part of a new exhibition called the Information Age. The machine (9) _____ on it written by Berners-Lee that warns: "This machine is a server. Do not power it down." Berners-Lee is currently the director of an organisation called the World Wide Web Consortium, which oversees the Web's (10) _____. Talking about the future of the Internet, he said: "Maybe we will be able to (11) _____ that help us keep people on the path of collaborating rather than fighting." He hopes the Web will remain "(12) _____ change".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141026-the-internet.html>

1. What is the connection between Tim Berners-Lee and the Internet?

2. What kind of force did Berners-Lee say the Internet was / is?

3. What does Berners-Lee see wherever he looks?

4. Besides negativity, what was Berners-Lee sad about regarding the Web?

5. What did Berners-Lee say people had become in their opinions?

6. What important exhibit was mentioned at the start of paragraph two?

7. What is the name of the exhibition at London's Science Museum?

8. What is Berners-Lee's position at the World Wide Web Consortium?

9. What does Berners-Lee hope web-based tools will help us do?

10. What does Berners-Lee hope the Internet will remain?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141026-the-internet.html>

1. What is the connection between Tim Berners-Lee and the Internet?
 - a) 1,000 Mbps
 - b) he's the founder
 - c) Bill Gates
 - d) a high-speed cable
2. What kind of force did Berners-Lee say the Internet was / is?
 - a) an armed force
 - b) a dark force
 - c) an unknown force
 - d) a force for good
3. What does Berners-Lee see wherever he looks?
 - a) a mass of energy
 - b) laptops
 - c) megabytes
 - d) information
4. Besides negativity, what was Berners-Lee sad about regarding the Internet?
 - a) frozen screens
 - b) pop-up windows
 - c) trolling
 - d) the lack of interactivity
5. What did Berners-Lee say people had become in their opinions?
 - a) thoughtful
 - b) polarised
 - c) forceful
 - d) strong
6. What important exhibit was mentioned at the beginning of paragraph two?
 - a) the first ever kilobyte
 - b) an Apple I computer
 - c) a server
 - d) an Internet cable
7. What is the name of the exhibition at London's Science Museum?
 - a) The Superhighway Age
 - b) the Knowledge Age
 - c) the Internet Age
 - d) the Information Age
8. What is Berners-Lee's position at the World Wide Web Consortium?
 - a) director
 - b) consultant
 - c) coder
 - d) owner
9. What does Berners-Lee hope web-based tools will help us do?
 - a) collaborate
 - b) make computers
 - c) repair household items
 - d) become rich
10. What does Berners-Lee hope the Internet will remain?
 - a) fast
 - b) a medium for positive change
 - c) cheap
 - d) a the fountain of all knowledge

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – News websites

You think news websites are the most useful. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their websites aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): weather websites, money websites or English-study websites.

Role B – Weather websites

You think weather websites are the most useful. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their websites aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): news websites, money websites or English-study websites.

Role C – Money websites

You think money websites are the most useful. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their websites aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): weather websites, news websites or English-study websites.

Role D – English-study websites

You think English-study websites are the most useful. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their websites aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): weather websites, money websites or news websites.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141026-the-internet.html>

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

web	site

- 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">• 25• side• mass• use• brought• loving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• view• part• warns• currently• build• medium
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THE INTERNET SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Internet 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.

THE INTERNET DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Internet'?
- 3) How important is the Internet to you?
- 4) What was life like before the Internet?
- 5) How do you think someone came up with the idea of the Web?
- 6) What do you know about the history of the Internet?
- 7) What are the negative sides to the Internet?
- 8) How does the Internet improve your life?
- 9) What makes you angry about the Internet?
- 10) Have you ever posted a negative comment on the Internet?

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THE INTERNET DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What would an exhibition on the Internet be like?
- 13) How important in history is the server that hosted the first website?
- 14) What do you think about the 'Information Age'?
- 15) Can you remember the first time you went on the Internet?
- 16) What do you think Sir Tim Berners-Lee does every day?
- 17) How can we stop the negativity on the Internet?
- 18) Will we collaborate more and fight less on the Internet?
- 19) Will the Internet remain 'a medium for positive change'?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Sir Tim Berners-Lee?

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) finder | (b) founder | (c) findings | (d) foundation |
| 2. | (a) conceit | (b) conceive | (c) concerted | (d) concept |
| 3. | (a) miss | (b) mast | (c) most | (d) mass |
| 4. | (a) regiment | (b) regimes | (c) regimented | (d) regimen |
| 5. | (a) as | (b) to | (c) on | (d) by |
| 6. | (a) of | (b) as | (c) in | (d) on |
| 7. | (a) scene | (b) vision | (c) view | (d) perceive |
| 8. | (a) home | (b) stay | (c) house | (d) put up |
| 9. | (a) switch | (b) in | (c) off | (d) down |
| 10. | (a) oversees | (b) overstays | (c) overseas | (d) overshadows |
| 11. | (a) on | (b) above | (c) under | (d) in |
| 12. | (a) mean | (b) median | (c) medium | (d) modular |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The ruodnef of the Internet
2. 25 years after he helped to ccneoeiv it
3. protests against oppressive eimergrs
4. etaldnem the growing use of...
5. It's gstgagnrei to me
6. become very pslaerido (UK) / rdoplizea (USA)

Paragraph 2

7. the server that htedos the first ever website
8. part of a new ihboinxtie
9. director of an nogarnioasit (UK) / rotizaaongni (USA)
10. ervosse the Web's continued development
11. the path of tilobnaagrclo
12. a eimudm for positive change

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	has a reminder on it written by Berners-Lee that warns: "This machine is a server. Do not power it
()	path of collaborating rather than fighting." He hopes the Web will remain "a medium for positive change".
()	negativity. He said: "It's staggering to me that people who must have been brought up like anybody else will suddenly
()	down." Berners-Lee is currently the director of an organisation called the World Wide Web
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()	side. Mr Berners-Lee was speaking to the BBC at London's Science Museum. He said: "Everywhere I look I see a mass
()	become very polarised in their opinions and will suddenly become very hateful instead of very loving."
()	protests against oppressive regimes." He also lamented the growing use of the Internet for trolling and
()	Consortium, which oversees the Web's continued development. Talking about
(1)	The founder of the Internet, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has spoken about his
()	creation 25 years after he helped to conceive it. He said it has been a force for good, but it also has a negative
()	house the server that hosted the first ever website. It is part of a new exhibition called the Information Age. The machine still
()	the future of the Internet, he said: "Maybe we will be able to build web-based tools that help us keep people on the
()	Berners-Lee was at the Science Museum to view an important part of Internet history. The museum will

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. for He has force it a good said been .

2. protests the web They for are organised using .

3. anybody who been like People have up else must brought .

4. opinions their in polarised very become Suddenly .

5. very loving hateful instead Suddenly of become very .

6. an View history Internet of part important .

7. the The first server ever that website hosted .

8. down it power not Do . server a is machine This .

9. tools based - web build to able be will we Maybe .

10. us on of Help people path keep the collaborating .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141026-the-internet.html>

The *founder / finder* of the Internet, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has spoken about his creation 25 years after he helped to *perceive / conceive* it. He said it has been a *force / forceful* for good, but it also has a negative side. Mr Berners-Lee was speaking to the BBC at London's Science Museum. He said: "Everywhere I look I see a *massive / mass* of energy, a huge amount of energy, and also in *same / some* places, they are using the web for organised protests against oppressive *regimens / regimes*." He also lamented the *growing / growth* use of the Internet for trolling and negativity. He said: "It's *stuttering / staggering* to me that people who must have been brought up like anybody *more / else* will suddenly become very polarised in their opinions and will suddenly become very *hateful / hated* instead of very loving."

Berners-Lee was at the Science Museum to *view / scene* an important part of Internet history. The museum will *home / house* the server that *hasted / hosted* the first ever website. It is part of a new *exhibited / exhibition* called the Information Age. The machine still has a *reminder / remainder* on it written by Berners-Lee that warns: "This machine is a server. Do not power it down." Berners-Lee is *present / currently* the director of an organisation called the World Wide Web Consortium, which *oversees / overviews* the Web's *continuance / continued* development. Talking about the future of the Internet, he said: "Maybe we will be able to build web-based tools that help us keep people on the *path / alley* of collaborating rather than fighting." He hopes the Web will remain "a *medium / normal* for positive change".

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_ f__nd_r_ f th__ nt_rn_t, S_r T_m B_rn_rs-L__,
h_s sp_k_n_ b__t h_s cr__t__n 25 y__rs_ ft_r h_
h_lp_d t__c_nc__v__t. H_s__d__t h_s b__n__
f_rc_f_r g__d, b__t t__ls_ h_s__n_g_t_v__s_d_.
Mr B_rn_rs-L__ w_s sp__k_ng t__th_ BBC__t
L_nd_n's Sc__nc_ M_s__m. H_s__d: "_v_rywh_r_
_l__k__s__m_ss_f_n_rgy, _h_g__m__nt_f
_n_rgy, _nd_ ls__n_s_m_pl_c_s, th_y_r__s_ng
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n_g_t_v_ty. H_s__d: "_t's st_gg_r_ng t__m__th_t
p__pl__wh__m_st h_v__b__n br__ght__p_l_k__
_nyb_dy_ls_w_ll_s_dd_nly b_c_m_v_ry p_l_r_s_d
_n th__r_p_n__ns__nd w_ll_s_dd_nly b_c_m_v_ry
h_t_f_l__nst__d__f v_ry l_v_ng."

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f_rst__v_r w_bs_t__t__s p_rtn__f__n_w
_xh_b_t__n c_ll_d th__nf_rmt__n__g__. Th_
m_ch_n__st_ll h_s__r_m_nd_r__n__t wr_tt_n by
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141026-the-internet.html>

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berners-lee was at the science museum to view an important part of internet history the museum will house the server that hosted the first ever website it is part of a new exhibition called the information age the machine still has a reminder on it written by berners-lee that warns "this machine is a server do not power it down" berners-lee is currently the director of an organisation called the world wide web consortium which oversees the web's continued development talking about the future of the internet he said "maybe we will be able to build web-based tools that help us keep people on the path of collaborating rather than fighting" he hopes the web will remain "a medium for positive change"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 the Internet. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. POSITIVE CHANGE: Write a magazine article about the Internet. Include imaginary interviews with people who think it is largely positive and with people who think it is largely negative.

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 Internet expert. Ask him/her three questions about the Internet. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make it better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e T f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. founder | a. originator |
| 2. conceive | b. come up with |
| 3. huge | c. enormous |
| 4. oppressive | d. dictatorial |
| 5. polarised | e. divided |
| 6. view | f. look at |
| 7. house | g. accommodate |
| 8. currently | h. presently |
| 9. collaborating | i. joining forces |
| 10. medium | j. means |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. He's the founder.
2. A force for good
3. A mass of energy
4. Trolling
5. Polarised
6. A server
7. The Information Age
8. Director
9. Collaborate more
10. A medium for positive change

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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