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World Wide Web inventor worried about its future

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THE READING

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The creator of the World Wide Web, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has warned of three big Internet dangers, and of how people are misusing the Internet. The first danger is that companies and websites are creating fake news just to make money, or to change people's political opinions. He said fake news "spreads like wildfire". The second danger is political advertising. Adverts are used in "unethical ways" to stop voters from voting or to send them to fake news. His final worry is the misuse of personal data. He said some governments kill people because of the websites they visit.

Berners-Lee invented the web in 1989. He said that it had "lived up to [his] vision". He said: "I imagined the web as an open platform that would allow everyone, everywhere to share information, access opportunities and collaborate across geographic and cultural boundaries." He said there were now difficult problems that have no simple answers. He wants to put, "a fair level of data control back in the hands of people". He also wants to stop governments from misusing data, which he said affects free speech. And he wants to fight against fake news. He called on all Internet users to help.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-39246810>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. The creator | a. wildfire |
| 2. how people are | b. of the websites they visit |
| 3. fake | c. misusing the Internet |
| 4. change people's political | d. data |
| 5. spreads like | e. of the World Wide Web |
| 6. Adverts are used in unethical | f. opinions |
| 7. the misuse of personal | g. news |
| 8. kill people because | h. ways |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. it had lived | a. to share information |
| 2. an open | b. boundaries |
| 3. allow everyone, everywhere | c. all Internet users to help |
| 4. access | d. hands of people |
| 5. across geographic and cultural | e. platform |
| 6. difficult problems that have | f. opportunities |
| 7. control back in the | g. up to his vision |
| 8. He called on | h. no simple answers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ World Wide Web, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has warned of three big Internet dangers, and of how (2) _____ the Internet. The first danger is that companies and websites are creating (3) _____ make money, or to change people's political opinions. He said fake news (4) _____. The second danger is political advertising. Adverts are (5) _____ ways" to stop voters from voting or to send them to fake news. His final worry is the (6) _____ data. He said some governments kill people because of the websites they visit.

Berners-Lee (7) _____ 1989. He said that it had "lived up to [his] vision". He said: "I imagined the (8) _____ platform that would allow everyone, everywhere to share information, (9) _____ and collaborate across geographic and cultural boundaries." He said there were now difficult problems (10) _____ answers. He wants to put, "a fair level of data control (11) _____ people". He also wants to stop governments from misusing data, which he said (12) _____. And he wants to fight against fake news. He called on all Internet users to help.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE WORLD WIDE WEB SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the World Wide Web 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) _____

