

France wants its prisons blurred on Internet maps

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France's government has asked Google to blur all images of French prisons on the Internet. The request is because a prisoner escaped from Reau Prison near Paris in July. The prisoner who escaped was an infamous killer. He is known as the "jailbreak king"

because he has escaped from prisons in France many times. The people who helped the man escape from Reau Prison used a helicopter to land inside the prison and then flew the man out. They used Google Maps to get an idea of the layout of the prison's grounds. France's justice minister has now asked Google to remove or blur all images of prisons in France from its services. This is to help stop future jailbreaks.

France's justice minister said she did not want any details or pictures of prisons online. She particularly wanted all aerial photos to be blurred so no one could use them to carry out criminal activities. She complained to a local radio station that: "It's not normal that photos of security buildings such as our prisons are out there on the Internet." Google said it has contacted the companies that provide the images. A spokesperson told Reuters news agency that Google's mapping services used images provided by other companies. It said: "We have given our suppliers a list of sensitive locations and asked them to take the necessary steps as soon as possible to conform with the law."

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Writing

There should be no photos of prisons on the Internet. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

France / government / prisons / prisoner / killer / escape / helicopter / images / future justice / aerial photos / criminal activities / security / mapping / sensitive locations

True / False

- a) France wants all world prisons to be blurred on Internet maps. T / F
- b) France wants prisons blurred on online maps because a killer escaped. T / F
- c) A helicopter landed in a French prison to help a prisoner to escape. T / F
- d) France's Justice Ministry asked Google to blur images of its prisons. T / F
- e) France's justice minister said aerial photos of prisons were OK. T / F
- f) The article says the minister complained to a local TV station. T / F
- g) Google uses images on its maps that are provided by other companies. T / F
- h) Google said it can't ask its suppliers to take steps. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. asked | a. places |
| 2. escaped | b. take out |
| 3. infamous | c. especially |
| 4. layout | d. broke free |
| 5. remove | e. protested |
| 6. particularly | f. notorious |
| 7. such as | g. actions |
| 8. complained | h. requested |
| 9. locations | i. like |
| 10. steps | j. plan |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of prisons?
- b) How can people escape from prison?
- c) What should prisons do with people who keep escaping?
- d) What do you think of maps of prisons being online?
- e) Should prison grounds have roofs to stop helicopters?
- f) What do you think of Google Maps?
- g) Can a prison ever be jailbreak-free?
- h) What do you think Google should do?

Phrase Match

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| 1. The prisoner who escaped | a. as soon as possible |
| 2. He is known | b. jailbreaks |
| 3. get an idea of the layout of the prison's | c. services |
| 4. remove or blur all images | d. was an infamous killer |
| 5. This is to help stop future | e. activities |
| 6. carry out criminal | f. grounds |
| 7. photos of security buildings such | g. the law |
| 8. mapping | h. of prisons |
| 9. take the necessary steps | i. as our prisons |
| 10. conform with | j. as the "jailbreak king" |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think of the prison for letting a killer escape?
- How possible is it to remove photos of prisons online?
- Are online maps or paper maps best?
- Has the world become too small because of the Internet?
- Are prisons the best way to deal with criminals?
- What do you think it's like to be in prison?
- What questions would you like to ask the head of the prison?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Prisons

You think prisons are the most important things that should never be on Internet maps. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it's OK for their things to be on Internet maps. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): people's faces, power stations or kindergartens.

Role B – People's Faces

You think people's faces are the most important things that should never be on Internet maps. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it's OK for their things to be on Internet maps. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): prisons, power stations or kindergartens.

Role C – Power Stations

You think power stations are the most important things that should never be on Internet maps. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it's OK for their things to be on Internet maps. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): people's faces, prisons or kindergartens.

Role D – Kindergartens

You think kindergartens are the most important things that should never be on Internet maps. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it's OK for their things to be on Internet maps. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): people's faces, power stations or prisons.

Speaking – Internet Images

Rank these with your partner. Put the things that should never be on online maps at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • People's faces | • Presidential homes |
| • Power stations | • People's homes |
| • Kindergartens | • Army camps |
| • Prisons | • Car license plates |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.