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**Level 1** – 14th March, 2019

## Inventor of World Wide Web says it must change

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190314-the-internet-1.html>

The World Wide Web is thirty years old. Its inventor is concerned about how people are using it. He is concerned about the future of the Web. He wrote that many people weren't sure about if the Web was "a force for good". He thinks it can be and that it can help billions of people. Governments and companies must build a better Internet. He said: "If we give up on building a better Web now, then the Web will not have failed us. We will have failed the Web."

The inventor had three worries about the World Wide Web. He called it a "mirror of humanity" where "you will see good and bad". The first worry was criminal behavior like hacking and harassment. New laws must keep people safe. A second worry is how social media spreads misinformation and fake news. People were tricked during the 2016 US presidential election. A final worry is about privacy. It is important to fight for a better, free and safer Web.

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/03/world-wide-web-turns-30-designer-laments-dark-side-190312030516811.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190314-the-internet-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The World Wide Web is | a. up               |
| 2. concerned about       | b. for good         |
| 3. many people weren't   | c. the Web          |
| 4. a force               | d. the future       |
| 5. it can help billions  | e. better Web       |
| 6. If we give            | f. thirty years old |
| 7. building a            | g. of people        |
| 8. We will have failed   | h. sure             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. He called it a mirror           | a. news        |
| 2. criminal behavior like          | b. to fight    |
| 3. social                          | c. hacking     |
| 4. fake                            | d. safer Web   |
| 5. during the 2016 US presidential | e. privacy     |
| 6. A final worry is about          | f. of humanity |
| 7. It is important                 | g. media       |
| 8. a better, free and              | h. election    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The World Wide Web is (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Its inventor is concerned about (2) \_\_\_\_\_ using it. He is concerned about the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Web. He wrote that many people weren't sure about if the Web was "a (4) \_\_\_\_\_". He thinks it can be and that it can help (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Governments and companies must build a better Internet. He said: "If we give up on building a better Web now, then the Web will not (6) \_\_\_\_\_. We will have failed the Web."

The inventor had (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the World Wide Web. He called it a "(8) \_\_\_\_\_" where "you will see good and bad". The first (9) \_\_\_\_\_ behavior like hacking and harassment. New laws must keep people safe. A second worry is how (10) \_\_\_\_\_ misinformation and fake news. People were (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 US presidential election. A final worry (12) \_\_\_\_\_. It is important to fight for a better, free and safer Web.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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wpeopleareusingit.HeisconcernedaboutthefutureoftheWeb.Hewrot  
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ethinksitcanbeandthatitcanhelpbillionsofpeople.Governmentsandc  
ompaniesmustbuildabetterInternet.Hesaid:"Ifwegiveuponbuilding  
abetterWebnow,thentheWebwillnothavefailedus.Wewillhavefailedt  
heWeb."TheinventorhadthreeworriesabouttheWorldWideWeb.Heca  
lledita"mirrorofhumanity"where"youwillseegoodandbad".Thefirstw  
orrywascriminalbehaviorlikehackingandharassment.Newlawsmust  
keeppeoplesafe.Asecondworryishowsocialmediaspreadsmisinform  
ationandfakenews.Peopleweretrickedduringthe2016USpresidential  
election.Afinalworryisaboutprivacy.Itisimportanttofightforabetter,f  
reeandsaferWeb.

# THE INTERNET SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190314-the-internet-4.html>

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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

