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# Turkey court says Twitter helps free speech

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# THE ARTICLE

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A court in Turkey has said the country's Twitter ban prevents free speech. It said that blocking Twitter takes away people's right to express themselves freely. The Turkish government blocked Twitter on March the 21st. The Prime Minister, Tayyip Erdogan, was angry because someone posted audio files of his close advisors just days before the country's elections. The files revealed details of possible corruption in Turkey that could be embarrassing for the government. Mr Erdogan is a big critic of social networks. As well as blocking Twitter, he also ordered the blocking of YouTube for a while. He said in an election campaign speech: "We will wipe out Twitter. I don't care what the international community says."

The Twitter ban did not work as Mr Erdogan wanted it to. Turks found many ways to get on Twitter without using the normal channels. Internet companies say there was a surge in tweets after the ban but usage is down to half of what it was before. Many Turks are furious with the government for banning Twitter. They are determined to make sure they can access the micro-blogging site. The court agreed with the people. It said: "Everyone has the right to express and [share] his/her thoughts and opinions by speech, in writing, in pictures or through other media." Twitter was happy with the court's announcement. Its global public policy team tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter access restored in Turkey soon."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. FREE SPEECH:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about free speech. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*court / free speech / angry / audio files / corruption / critic / election / speech / care / normal / channels / Internet companies / blogging / opinions / announcement*

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

**3. SITES:** How good are these? Give them a score from 1 (terrible) to 10 (great) Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Score	Why?	Best things	Worst things
Twitter				
Google				
Facebook				
YouTube				
Wikipedia				
Amazon				

**4. BAN:** Students A **strongly** believe no site should ever be banned; Students B **strongly** believe many sites should be banned. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. INTERNET:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things that need improving at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- speed
- price
- wi-fi access
- content
- translation
- password technology
- security
- ease of use

**6. EXPRESS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "express". 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/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. A Turkish court turned Twitter off in Turkey on March 21.             | T / F |
| b. The Turkish prime minister was unhappy people put his photos online.  | T / F |
| c. The Turkish prime minister is not a big fan of social media websites. | T / F |
| d. The prime minister doesn't care how other countries view him.         | T / F |
| e. The PM is very happy with the way the ban is going.                   | T / F |
| f. Twitter use is higher today than it was before the ban.               | T / F |
| g. The court said people should be free to put their opinions online.    | T / F |
| h. Twitter was pleased with what the court said.                         | T / F |

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

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. prevents     | a. uploaded      |
| 2. freely       | b. fixed on      |
| 3. posted       | c. usual         |
| 4. embarrassing | d. openly        |
| 5. wipe out     | e. increase      |
| 6. normal       | f. destroy       |
| 7. surge        | g. stops         |
| 8. determined   | h. put back      |
| 9. opinions     | i. uncomfortable |
| 10. restored    | j. views         |

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

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. takes away people's right              | a. restored in Turkey soon |
| 2. The files revealed details of possible | b. the micro-blogging site |
| 3. a big critic                           | c. out Twitter             |
| 4. We will wipe                           | d. thoughts and opinions   |
| 5. I don't care what the international    | e. to express themselves   |
| 6. there was a surge                      | f. for banning Twitter     |
| 7. Turks are furious with the government  | g. corruption              |
| 8. make sure they can access              | h. community says          |
| 9. express and share his/her              | i. in tweets after the ban |
| 10. We hope to have Twitter access        | j. of social networks      |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

A court in Turkey has said the country's Twitter ban prevents free speech. It said that blocking Twitter takes away people's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to express themselves (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The Turkish government blocked Twitter on March the 21st. The Prime Minister, Tayyip Erdogan, was angry because someone posted (3) \_\_\_\_\_ files of his close advisors just days before the country's elections. The files revealed details of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ corruption in Turkey that could be embarrassing for the government. Mr Erdogan is a big (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of social networks. As well as blocking Twitter, he also ordered the blocking of YouTube for a (6) \_\_\_\_\_. He said in an election campaign speech: "We will (7) \_\_\_\_\_ out Twitter. I don't care what the international community (8) \_\_\_\_\_."

*critic*  
*wipe*  
*audio*  
*says*  
*right*  
*while*  
*freely*  
*possible*

The Twitter ban did not work as Mr Erdogan wanted it to. Turks found many (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to get on Twitter without using the normal channels. Internet companies say there was a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in tweets after the ban but usage is down to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of what it was before. Many Turks are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ with the government for banning Twitter. They are determined to make sure they can access the micro-blogging site. The court (13) \_\_\_\_\_ with the people. It said: "Everyone has the right to express and [share] his/her thoughts and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ by speech, in writing, in pictures or through other media." Twitter was (15) \_\_\_\_\_ with the court's announcement. Its global public policy team tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter (16) \_\_\_\_\_ restored in Turkey soon."

*access*  
*half*  
*opinions*  
*furios*  
*ways*  
*happy*  
*surge*  
*agreed*

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# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

- 1) It said that blocking Twitter takes away people's right to express \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. themself freely
  - b. them shelves freely
  - c. themselves freely
  - d. them self freely
- 2) angry because someone posted audio files of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. his close advisors
  - b. his close advises
  - c. his close advise
  - d. his close advice is
- 3) The files revealed details of possible \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. corrupt on in Turkey
  - b. corrupting in Turkey
  - c. corrupted in Turkey
  - d. collaboration in Turkey
- 4) Mr Erdogan is a big critic \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of socials networks
  - b. of socially networks
  - c. of socialise networks
  - d. of social networks
- 5) I don't care what the international \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. commune tea says
  - b. commune a tee says
  - c. community says
  - d. communities say
- 6) Turks found many ways to get on Twitter without using \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the normally channels
  - b. the normalcy channels
  - c. the norm all channels
  - d. the normal channels
- 7) Internet companies say there was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a splurge in tweets
  - b. a surge in tweets
  - c. a surged in tweets
  - d. a surging tweets
- 8) They are determined to make sure they can access \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the macro-blogging site
  - b. the micro-blogging site
  - c. the micro-blog in site
  - d. the my-crow-blogging site
- 9) Twitter was happy with the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. court's announcement
  - b. courts announcement
  - c. courts' announcement
  - d. court is announcement
- 10) We hope to have Twitter access restored \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in Turkey soon
  - b. in Turkey soonish
  - c. in Turkey sooner
  - d. in Turkey soonest

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

A court in Turkey has said the country's Twitter (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It said that blocking Twitter (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to express themselves freely. The Turkish government blocked Twitter on March the 21st. The Prime Minister, Tayyip Erdogan, was angry because someone posted (3) \_\_\_\_\_ close advisors just days before the country's elections. The (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of possible corruption in Turkey that could be embarrassing for the government. Mr Erdogan is a big (5) \_\_\_\_\_. As well as blocking Twitter, he also ordered the blocking of YouTube for a while. He said in an election campaign speech: "We will wipe out Twitter. I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the international community says."

The Twitter ban did not work as Mr Erdogan wanted it to. Turks found many (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter without using the normal channels. Internet companies say (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in tweets after the ban but usage is down to half of what it was before. Many Turks are furious with the government for banning Twitter. They (9) \_\_\_\_\_ make sure they can access the micro-blogging site. The court agreed with the people. It said: "Everyone (10) \_\_\_\_\_ express and [share] his/her thoughts (11) \_\_\_\_\_, in writing, in pictures or through other media." Twitter was happy with the court's announcement. Its (12) \_\_\_\_\_ team tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter access restored in Turkey soon."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

1. What did the Turkish court say Twitter takes away?

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2. What kind of files was the Turkish prime minister angry about?

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3. What is the prime minister a critic of?

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4. Which other website did Mr Erdogan ban for a short time?

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5. Who did Mr Erdogan say he didn't care about?

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6. What did Turks not use to get on Twitter?

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7. What happened to the number of tweets right after the ban?

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8. Who did the court agree with?

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9. Who was happy with the court's announcement?

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10. When does Twitter hope access to its site will return to Turkey?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

1. What did the Turkish court say Twitter takes away?
  - a) a lot of money
  - b) freedom of speech
  - c) information
  - d) Internet space
2. What kind of files was the Turkish prime minister angry about?
  - a) video files
  - b) password-protected files
  - c) audio files
  - d) pictures
3. What is the prime minister a critic of?
  - a) himself
  - b) the Internet
  - c) Turkey's government
  - d) social networking
4. Which other website did Mr Erdogan ban for a short time?
  - a) Facebook
  - b) YouTube
  - c) Google Turkey
  - d) BBC
5. Who did Mr Erdogan say he didn't care about?
  - a) the international community
  - b) Internet users
  - c) himself
  - d) Twitter
6. What did Turks not use to get on Twitter?
  - a) normal channels
  - b) wi-fi
  - c) mobile phones
  - d) the Internet
7. What happened to the number of tweets right after the ban?
  - a) they stopped
  - b) they stayed the same
  - c) they went down
  - d) they went up
8. Who did the court agree with?
  - a) the prime minister
  - b) Mehmet Topal
  - c) the people
  - d) Twitter
9. Who was happy with the court's announcement?
  - a) Mehmet Topal
  - b) Tayyip Erdogan
  - c) a 99-year-old Turkish tweeter
  - d) Twitter
10. When does Twitter hope access to its site will return to Turkey?
  - a) yesterday
  - b) soon
  - c) in a day or two
  - d) before the end of the month

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Speed**

You think speed is the most important for the Internet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): wi-fi access, good content or security.

## **Role B – Wi-fi access**

You think wi-fi access is the most important for the Internet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): speed, good content or security.

## **Role C – Good content**

You think good content is the most important for the Internet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): wi-fi access, speed or security.

## **Role D – Security**

You think security is the most important for the Internet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): wi-fi access, good content or speed.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

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

<b>free</b>	<b>speech</b>
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- 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"><li>• prevents</li><li>• freely</li><li>• close</li><li>• details</li><li>• while</li><li>• care</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ways</li><li>• surge</li><li>• half</li><li>• agreed</li><li>• opinions</li><li>• access</li></ul>
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# FREE SPEECH SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

Write five GOOD questions about free speech 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.

## FREE SPEECH DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the term 'free speech'?
- c) Why do some countries dislike Twitter?
- d) Is it OK for a country to block Twitter?
- e) What would you do if you had no access to social networking sites?
- f) Can people say anything they want on Twitter?
- g) What do you think of Turkey's prime minister blocking Twitter?
- h) What technology things are you a big critic of?
- i) Is it possible to "wipe out" Twitter?
- j) How important do you think free speech is?

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## FREE SPEECH DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) How can people get on Twitter if the country has blocked it?
- c) What kind of sites is it OK for a country to block?
- d) What would life be like without the Internet?
- e) How important are sites like Twitter and Facebook?
- f) What do you think Turkey's government will do about Twitter?
- g) Do you think the ban has helped Turkey's leader?
- h) Are 140 characters enough to say what you want to say?
- i) Is it important for you to express your opinions online?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Turkey's leader?

# 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

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

A court in Turkey has said the country's Twitter ban (1) \_\_\_\_\_ free speech. It said that blocking Twitter takes away people's right to express themselves freely. The Turkish government blocked Twitter on March the 21st. The Prime Minister, Tayyip Erdogan, was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ because someone posted audio files of his (3) \_\_\_\_\_ advisors just days before the country's elections. The files revealed details of possible corruption in Turkey that could be embarrassing (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the government. Mr Erdogan is a big (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of social networks. As well as blocking Twitter, he also ordered the blocking of YouTube for a while. He said in an election campaign speech: "We will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ out Twitter. I don't care what the international community says."

The Twitter ban did not work as Mr Erdogan wanted it to. Turks found many ways to get on Twitter without (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the normal channels. Internet companies say there was a surge in tweets after the ban but usage is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to half of what it was before. Many Turks are furious with the government for banning Twitter. They are determined to make sure they can (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the micro-blogging site. The court agreed with the people. It said: "Everyone has the right to express and [share] his/her thoughts and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ by speech, in writing, in pictures or through other (11) \_\_\_\_\_." Twitter was happy with the court's announcement. Its global public policy team tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter access restored in Turkey (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                 |                  |               |                |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) preventable | (b) preventative | (c) prevents  | (d) preventing |
| 2.  | (a) angry       | (b) angrily      | (c) angers    | (d) anger      |
| 3.  | (a) far         | (b) close        | (c) mid-range | (d) viewable   |
| 4.  | (a) to          | (b) at           | (c) by        | (d) for        |
| 5.  | (a) creature    | (b) cryptic      | (c) critic    | (d) critter    |
| 6.  | (a) dust        | (b) wipe         | (c) mop       | (d) polish     |
| 7.  | (a) using       | (b) downloading  | (c) tuning    | (d) turning    |
| 8.  | (a) under       | (b) decrease     | (c) level     | (d) down       |
| 9.  | (a) recess      | (b) excess       | (c) access    | (d) success    |
| 10. | (a) idioms      | (b) phrases      | (c) quoted    | (d) opinions   |
| 11. | (a) canvases    | (b) media        | (c) pamphlets | (d) pens       |
| 12. | (a) soon        | (b) immediate    | (c) present   | (d) moment     |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. the country's Twitter ban ptrvnees free speech
2. people's right to srpsxee themselves freely
3. adoiu files
4. days before the country's enictsloe
5. details of possible ricpotonur
6. nacmipga speech

## Paragraph 2

7. without using the normal lanhcens
8. there was a regsu in tweets
9. Turks are soruufi with the government
10. thoughts and pooinisin
11. Twitter was happy with the court's nuomtnaceenn
12. have Twitter cseasc restored in Turkey soon



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) blocking Twitter takes away people's right to express themselves freely. The Turkish government blocked Twitter on
- ( ) The Twitter ban did not work as Mr Erdogan wanted it to. Turks found many ways to get on Twitter without
- ( ) using the normal channels. Internet companies say there was a surge in tweets after the ban but
- ( **1** ) A court in Turkey has said the country's Twitter ban prevents free speech. It said that
- ( ) files of his close advisors just days before the country's elections. The files revealed details of possible
- ( ) in pictures or through other media." Twitter was happy with the court's announcement. Its global
- ( ) usage is down to half of what it was before. Many Turks are furious with the government for banning Twitter. They are determined
- ( ) corruption in Turkey that could be embarrassing for the government. Mr Erdogan is a big critic
- ( ) of social networks. As well as blocking Twitter, he also ordered the blocking of YouTube for a
- ( ) public policy team tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter access restored in Turkey soon."
- ( ) March the 21st. The Prime Minister, Tayyip Erdogan, was angry because someone posted audio
- ( ) right to express and [share] his/her thoughts and opinions by speech, in writing,
- ( ) to make sure they can access the micro-blogging site. The court agreed with the people. It said: "Everyone has the
- ( ) while. He said in an election campaign speech: "We will wipe out Twitter. I don't care what the international community says."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

1. to Takes express away themselves people's freely right.

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2. days the elections Just before country's.

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3. corruption revealed possible Turkey files of in The details.

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4. blocking of YouTube for a while He also ordered the.

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5. community care says what the I international don't.

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6. many Twitter ways to Turks get found on.

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7. the There surge after a tweets ban was in.

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8. what it was before Usage is down to half of.

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9. was Twitter announcement court's the with happy.

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10. restored to access Turkey hope Twitter in We have.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

A court in Turkey has said the country's Twitter ban *vents / prevents* free speech. It said that blocking Twitter takes away people's *write / right* to express themselves *freely / free*. The Turkish government blocked Twitter on March the 21st. The Prime Minister, Tayyip Erdogan, was *anger / angry* because someone posted audio files of his close *advices / advisors* just days before the country's elections. The files *reveled / revealed* details of possible corruption in Turkey that could be *embarrassing / embarrass* for the government. Mr Erdogan is a big *criticism / critic* of social networks. As well as blocking Twitter, he also ordered the blocking of YouTube for a while. He said in an election campaign *speaking / speech*: "We will wipe out Twitter. I don't care what the international community *talks / says*."

The Twitter ban did not *work / working* as Mr Erdogan wanted it to. Turks found many ways to get *in / on* Twitter without using the normal channels. Internet companies say there was a *splurge / surge* in tweets after the ban but usage is down to *halved / half* of what it was before. Many Turks are furious *for / with* the government for banning Twitter. They are determined to make sure they can *access / excess* the micro-blogging site. The court agreed with the people. It said: "Everyone has the right *to / for* express and [share] his/her thoughts and *opinions / options* by speech, in writing, in pictures or through other media." Twitter was happy with the court's *announcement / announce*. Its global public policy team tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter access *restored / stored* in Turkey soon."

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

\_ c\_\_rt \_n T\_rk\_y h\_s s\_\_d th\_ c\_\_ntry's Tw\_tt\_r b\_n  
pr\_v\_nts fr\_\_ sp\_\_ch. \_t s\_\_d th\_t bl\_ck\_ng Tw\_tt\_r  
t\_k\_s \_w\_y p\_\_pl\_'s r\_ght t\_ \_xpr\_ss th\_ms\_lv\_s  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

a court in turkey has said the country's twitter ban prevents free speech it said that blocking twitter takes away people's right to express themselves freely the turkish government blocked twitter on march the 21st the prime minister tayyip erdogan was angry because someone posted audio files of his close advisors just days before the country's elections the files revealed details of possible corruption in turkey that could be embarrassing for the government mr erdogan is a big critic of social networks as well as blocking twitter he also ordered the blocking of youtube for a while he said in an election campaign speech "we will wipe out twitter i don't care what the international community says"

the twitter ban did not work as mr erdogan wanted it to turks found many ways to get on twitter without using the normal channels internet companies say there was a surge in tweets after the ban but usage is down to half of what it was before many turks are furious with the government for banning twitter they are determined to make sure they can access the micro-blogging site the court agreed with the people it said "everyone has the right to express and [share] his/her thoughts and opinions by speech in writing in pictures or through other media" twitter was happy with the court's announcement its global public policy team tweeted "we hope to have twitter access restored in turkey soon"

# 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 free speech. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. TWITTER:** Make a poster about Twitter. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. BAN:** Write a magazine article about the Twitter ban. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 expert on free speech. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your thoughts on Turkey's Twitter ban. 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 F    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. prevents     | a. stops         |
| 2. freely       | b. openly        |
| 3. posted       | c. uploaded      |
| 4. embarrassing | d. uncomfortable |
| 5. wipe out     | e. destroy       |
| 6. normal       | f. usual         |
| 7. surge        | g. increase      |
| 8. determined   | h. fixed on      |
| 9. opinions     | i. views         |
| 10. restored    | j. put back      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Freedom of speech
2. Audio files
3. Social networks
4. YouTube
5. The international community
6. Normal channels
7. They went up (there was a surge)
8. The people
9. Twitter
10. Soon

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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