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THE ARTICLE

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An international police operation has shut down the largest Internet paedophile ring ever discovered. Police officers rescued 60 children in Britain and a further 170 children in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the US. The team was led by Britain's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP). The operation leader, UK police chief Peter Davies, said: "In the UK alone 60 children have been safeguarded and 121 offenders arrested of which there have been 33 convictions. Investigations across the world continue." The arrests have come after three years of surveillance and monitoring of suspected paedophiles. He said the network was based in the Netherlands and had 70,000 members.

The head of Europol Rob Wainright called the arrests a "spectacular international police success". He had a message for paedophiles: "If you think you can use the Internet to abuse children you are wrong," he said. He added: "We will not allow these offenders to carry on committing these awful crimes against young children. We will not rest until we have identified every offender that has been active in this network and others that might be operating on the Internet." The police forces uncovered the ring by using officers to infiltrate the site to identify the most active members. One of the early breakthroughs was in 2008 when two British men were caught uploading images in Thailand.

WARM-UPS

1. KIDS' SAFETY AND THE INTERNET: Walk around the class and talk to other students about kids' safety and the Internet. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) 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.

police / operation / paedophile / exploitation / safeguard / surveillance / monitoring / spectacular / success / abuse / awful crimes / offenders / breakthroughs / uploading

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

3. INTERNET SAFETY: Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

What to do?	Pros	Cons
Age limit for kids		
Parent supervision		
Photo-finding software		
All users to register ID		
Longer jail sentences		
More cyber-police		

4. PAEDOPHILE RINGS: Students A **strongly** believe they will disappear in the future; Students B **strongly** believe they won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. CHLD SAFETY: What are the biggest dangers? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most dangerous at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- the Internet
- the streets
- the playground
- the home
- the park
- the beach
- the television
- the food they eat

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

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BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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|---|-------|
| a. Police have discovered and closed an online paedophile gang. | T / F |
| b. Over 200 children have been rescued from the paedophiles. | T / F |
| c. The police officer in charge of the operation is Canadian. | T / F |
| d. The paedophile network had 170,000 members. | T / F |
| e. The head of a European police agency had no message for paedophiles. | T / F |
| f. He said the paedophiles will never rest. | T / F |
| g. Police officers got inside the network to find the leaders. | T / F |
| h. The first successes in breaking the ring came in Thailand in 2008 | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. operation | a. criminals |
| 2. rescued | b. saved |
| 3. exploitation | c. cruelty |
| 4. offenders | d. great |
| 5. surveillance | e. penetrate |
| 6. spectacular | f. procedure |
| 7. abuse | g. abuse |
| 8. committing | h. terrible |
| 9. awful | i. doing |
| 10. infiltrate | j. observation |

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

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. the largest Internet paedophile ring | a. 60 children |
| 2. Police officers rescued | b. and monitoring |
| 3. children have | c. uncovered the ring |
| 4. three years of surveillance | d. ever discovered |
| 5. the network was based | e. police success |
| 6. a spectacular international | f. breakthroughs |
| 7. every offender that has been active | g. uploading images |
| 8. The police forces | h. in the Netherlands |
| 9. One of the early | i. in this network |
| 10. caught | j. been safeguarded |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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safeguarded

based

ever

further

members

operation

across

led

The head of Europol Rob Wainright (9) _____ the arrests a "spectacular international police success". He had a message for paedophiles: "If you think you can use the Internet to (10) _____ children you are wrong," he said. He added: "We will not (11) _____ these offenders to carry on committing these (12) _____ crimes against young children. We will not rest until we have identified every offender that has been active in this network and others that might be (13) _____ on the Internet." The police forces uncovered the ring by using officers to infiltrate the site to (14) _____ the most (15) _____ members. One of the early breakthroughs was in 2008 when two British men were (16) _____ uploading images in Thailand.

caught

abuse

identify

operating

awful

called

active

allow

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

police	operation
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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">• shut• 170• led• 33• three• 70,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• head• abuse• allow• active• identify• images
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KIDS' SAFETY AND THE INTERNET SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about kids' safety and 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.

KIDS' SAFETY ON THE INTERNET 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 word 'paedophile'?
- c) What do you think of what you read?
- d) How can we track down similar rings?
- e) What punishment should be given to those arrested?
- f) What should happen to convicted paedophiles after they are released from prison?
- g) What should governments do to help protect children from paedophiles?
- h) Do you think parents are monitoring their online children enough?
- i) Should the public be made aware of who paedophiles are?
- j) How much of a taboo subject is this in your country?

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KIDS' SAFETY AND THE INTERNET DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) Do you think authorities will ever stop paedophile activity on the internet?
- c) Do you think paedophiles will be worried about Rob Wainright's words?
- d) Should members of the gang not yet arrested turn themselves in to police to help the investigation?
- e) Should children be taught about such dangers at school?
- f) What other dangers are there on the Internet for children?
- g) Why don't you think big Internet companies don't do more to stop paedophiles?
- h) How can we be sure that paedophiles who go to prison do not reoffend?
- i) Do you worry about your online safety?
- j) What questions would you like to ask UK police chief Peter Davies?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) operations | (b) operational | (c) operate | (d) operation |
| 2. | (a) led | (b) loaded | (c) leaded | (d) lid |
| 3. | (a) lonely | (b) lonesome | (c) alone | (d) loner |
| 4. | (a) as | (b) of | (c) on | (d) by |
| 5. | (a) convinces | (b) convictions | (c) conveniences | (d) convicts |
| 6. | (a) monitored | (b) monitor | (c) monitoring | (d) monitors |
| 7. | (a) spectacular | (b) spectacle | (c) spectacles | (d) speckled |
| 8. | (a) abusive | (b) abused | (c) abuser | (d) abuse |
| 9. | (a) horribly | (b) fulfill | (c) awry | (d) awful |
| 10. | (a) another | (b) others | (c) other | (d) the other |
| 11. | (a) identify | (b) identification | (c) identity | (d) identical |
| 12. | (a) kept | (b) given | (c) caught | (d) been |

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

3. KIDS' SAFETY AND THE INTERNET: Make a poster about how to keep kids safe on the Internet. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ONLINE DANGERS: Write a magazine article about the dangers kids face online. 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. LETTER: Write a letter to an online safety expert. Ask him/her three questions about keeping kids safe on the Internet. Give him/her three suggestions on how to make the Internet a safer place for children. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

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

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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - d 2 - a 3 - c 4 - b 5 - b 6 - c 7 - a 8 - d 9 - d 10 - b 11 - a 12 - c

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