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Deepfake app puts your face in famous movie scenes

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THE READING

A technique called deepfake is worrying people. It could create more fake news and trick people. The word "deepfake" is a combination of "deep learning" and "fake". The software allows your face to replace the face of a talking president or movie star. The result is a fake video. Many people are worried the technology will be used in national elections. Deepfake could be used to trick people in elections.

A new deepfake app called Zao has gone viral in China. It is number one on China's iOS App Store chart. A Twitter user posted many Zao videos of himself in famous TV and movie scenes. He looks like the main actor in the movies The Hulk, Titanic, and in the TV fantasy drama Game of Thrones. Only people with a Chinese phone number can download the app. It cannot be downloaded from app stores in the USA or Europe.

Sources: https://www.**sciencealert.com**/disturbing-deepfake-app-lets-you-convincingly-superimpose-your-
face-onto-celebrities
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https://www.**mirror.co.uk**/tech/deepfake-app-puts-your-face-19171373

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. A technique called	a. talking president
2. It could create more	b. are worried
3. deep	c. deepfake
4. replace the face of a	d. people in elections
5. The result is a fake	e. fake news
6. Many people	f. elections
7. national	g. video
8. trick	h. learning

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. A new deepfake	a. phone number
2. Zao has gone	b. chart
3. China's iOS App Store	c. from app stores
4. famous TV and movie	d. app
5. the main actor in	e. viral in China
6. in the TV fantasy	f. the movies
7. people with a Chinese	g. drama
8. It cannot be downloaded	h. scenes

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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kslikethemainactorinthemoviesTheHulk,Titanic,andintheTVfantasy

dramaGameofThrones.OnlypeoplewithaChinesephonenumbercand

ownloadtheapp.ItcannotbedownloadedfromappstoresintheUSAorE

urope.

DEEPFAKE SURVEY

From   https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190906-deepfake-4.html

Write five GOOD questions about deepfake 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) _____

WRITING

Write about **deepfake** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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