

Harry and Meghan to quit social media

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Reporters are saying the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have abandoned social media. The Duke (formerly Prince Harry) and his wife Meghan have reportedly said goodbye to their social media accounts. They want to focus on their

new life together in the USA. The "Sunday Times" newspaper in the UK wrote that the couple have no plans to use social media for their non-profit organisation or for their personal lives. The newspaper said the couple have become sad and tired of all the "hate" they see online. They both decided to step down as active members of the British royal family last year. Since then, many people have attacked and criticised them on their Instagram account.

Harry and Meghans' main social media account was @sussexroyal on Instagram. They have 10.4 million followers on this account but have not posted any new content since March 2020. A source told the "Sunday Times" that the couple were "very unlikely" to use social media again. Meghan has spoken out about the harm social media can do. She was the subject of many attacks after she married into Britain's royal family. She said she experienced "almost unsurvivable" online abuse and cyberbullying. She added that she was the most trolled person in the world in 2019. This news comes as social media companies are in the spotlight for suspending the accounts of US President Donald Trump.

Sources: theguardian.com / sky.com / independent.co.uk

Writing

Social media is a good thing and not a bad thing. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

reporters / social media / goodbye / couple / personal / sad / tired / royal family / followers / content / source / harm / attacks / married / abuse / cyberbullying

True / False

- a) The Duke of Sussex was once known as Prince William. T / F
- b) The Duke and Duchess want to focus on their new life in Canada. T / F
- c) The couple will continue their non-profit organisation social media site. T / F
- d) The couple stepped down as members of the UK royal family. T / F
- e) The couple have over 100 million followers on social media. T / F
- f) The last time the couple posted on social media was a month ago. T / F
- g) Meghan said she was the most trolled person in the world. T / F
- h) Social media is in the spotlight after suspending Donald Trump. T / F

Synonym Match

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

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| 1. abandoned | a. uploaded |
| 2. goodbye | b. condemned |
| 3. focus | c. public eye |
| 4. sad | d. farewell |
| 5. criticised | e. damage |
| 6. posted | f. depressed |
| 7. harm | g. mistreatment |
| 8. abuse | h. left |
| 9. spotlight | i. putting on hold |
| 10. suspending | j. concentrate |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of social media?
- b) How important is social media to you?
- c) What are the good things about social media?
- d) What do you know about Meghan and Harry?
- e) What hate do you see on social media?
- f) What is the best social media platform?
- g) What do you think of Meghan and Harry abandoning social media?
- h) What advice do you have for Meghan and Harry?

Phrase Match

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| 1. reportedly said | a. of all the "hate" |
| 2. They want to focus | b. Britain's royal family |
| 3. the couple have no plans | c. British royal family |
| 4. the couple have become sad and tired | d. on their new life |
| 5. active members of the | e. spotlight |
| 6. They have 10.4 million | f. goodbye |
| 7. Meghan has spoken out | g. followers on this account |
| 8. she married into | h. and cyberbullying |
| 9. almost unsurvivable" online abuse | i. to use social media |
| 10. social media companies are in the | j. about the harm |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What are the bad things about social media?
- How can we reduce online abuse and cyberbullying?
- What should happen to Internet trolls?
- What do you think of Twitter suspending Donald Trump's account?
- What advice do you have for Donald Trump?
- What would life be like without social media?
- What questions would you like to ask Meghan and Harry?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Twitter

You think Twitter is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Facebook, YouTube or LinkedIn.

Role B – Facebook

You think Facebook is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Twitter, YouTube or LinkedIn.

Role C – YouTube

You think YouTube is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn.

Role D – LinkedIn

You think LinkedIn is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Facebook, YouTube or Twitter.

Speaking – Platforms

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Instagram | • Twitter |
| • WeChat | • Facebook |
| • TikTok | • Pinterest |
| • LinkedIn | • YouTube |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.