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## **Miley Cyrus quits Twitter**

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# THE ARTICLE

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Miley Cyrus is one of America's biggest teenage stars. She is most famous for her *Hannah Montana* TV show and movies. Her departure from Twitter has split public attention. Her adoring fans desperately want her back. One fan uploaded a post that said: "She can't delete her Twitter - Twitter IS Miley Cyrus." Miley commented on how her boyfriend might have been the reason for quitting the micro-blogging site, saying: "FYI Liam doesn't have a Twitter and he wants me to delete mine, with good reason." A lot of her fans believe she should have been stronger and not given in to her boyfriend's demands. Her on-screen persona *Hannah Montana* would never have been so weak-willed.

# WARM-UPS

**1. MILEY CYRUS:** Walk around the class and talk to other students about Miley Cyrus. 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.

*being shocked / Twitter / celebrities / posts / people's demands / blogs / campaigns / teenage stars / departures / fans / quitting / good reason / being strong / weak-willed*

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

**3. BEING ONLINE:** What do you think of the following? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you heard.

	Why I like it	How it could be better
E-mail		
Blogs		
Facebook / Twitter		
Chat		
Online gaming		
Surfing		

**4. PRIVACY:** Students A **strongly** believe Miley Cyrus was right to quit Twitter for privacy reasons; Students B **strongly** believe Miley was wrong- she should be more loyal to her fans. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. QUITTING:** Which of these things would you find it most difficult to quit? Rate them from: 10 = absolutely impossible to quit; 1 = as easy as pie. Change partners and share your ratings again.

- chocolate
- surfing the Internet
- watching TV
- waking up late in the morning
- overeating
- being lazy
- my worst bad habit
- other \_\_\_\_\_

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Miley Cyrus quit her job as a model for Twitter.                   | T / F |
| b. Miley was the most followed celebrity on Twitter.                  | T / F |
| c. Miley told her boyfriend Liam not to back Twitter.                 | T / F |
| d. Miley's fans have started a campaign to get Miley back to Twitter. | T / F |
| e. All of the public is on Miley's side.                              | T / F |
| f. One of Miley's fans suggested Twitter was nothing without Miley.   | T / F |
| g. Miley's boyfriend asked her to quit her Twitter account.           | T / F |
| h. The article suggests Miley should have been stronger.              | T / F |

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

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. quitting     | a. requests   |
| 2. deleted      | b. really     |
| 3. regular      | c. well-known |
| 4. demands      | d. canceled   |
| 5. attention    | e. divided    |
| 6. famous       | f. stopping   |
| 7. split        | g. role       |
| 8. desperately  | h. frequent   |
| 9. persona      | i. indecisive |
| 10. weak-willed | j. focus      |

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

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Miley Cyrus has shocked her          | a. back on Twitter              |
| 2. She was one of the most followed     | b. have been stronger           |
| 3. Miley turned her                     | c. attention                    |
| 4. Cyrus is not telling whether or      | d. public attention             |
| 5. switch off unwanted online           | e. want her back                |
| 6. Her departure from Twitter has split | f. millions of fans             |
| 7. Her adoring fans desperately         | g. been so weak-willed          |
| 8. her boyfriend might have             | h. celebrities online           |
| 9. her fans believe she should          | i. been the reason for quitting |
| 10. Hannah Montana would never have     | j. not it is true               |

# WHILE READING / LISTENING

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

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*turned*  
*gave*  
*shocked*  
*switch*  
*followed*  
*privacy*  
*telling*  
*upcoming*

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*believe*  
*uploaded*  
*site*  
*famous*  
*reason*  
*weak-willed*  
*split*  
*delete*

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

<b>weak</b>	<b>will</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>• shocked</li><li>• followed</li><li>• regular</li><li>• back</li><li>• switch</li><li>• privacy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• most</li><li>• public</li><li>• adoring</li><li>• wrong</li><li>• good</li><li>• demands</li></ul>
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# STUDENT MILEY CYRUS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Miley Cyrus 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.

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# MILEY CYRUS 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 'blog'?
- c) What do you know about Miley Cyrus?
- d) What do you think of Miley quitting Twitter and her 1.1 million followers?
- e) Do you understand why so many people use Twitter?
- f) When was the last time someone shocked you?
- g) Which celebrities would you most like to follow on Twitter?
- h) How surprised are you Miley gave in to her boyfriend's demands?
- i) Would you be able to cope with being famous and the public wanting to know every tiny detail about your life?
- j) Do you think Miley should reactivate her Twitter account?

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# MILEY CYRUS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) What do you think of teenage stars? Are they talented?
- c) Sixteen-year-old Miley Cyrus earns millions of dollars a year. Is this OK?
- d) Why is it the media find this such a big story? Do you think it's newsworthy?
- e) How far would you follow your favourite singer /actor / sports star?
- f) Why do you think Miley's boyfriend wanted her to quit Twitter?
- g) Do you think Miley should have been a better role model?
- h) Do you have any role models?
- i) Where do you think this story will go from here?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Miley Cyrus?

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# LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

- |     |              |              |               |               |
|-----|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) from     | (b) with     | (c) on        | (d) by        |
| 2.  | (a) regular  | (b) regulars | (c) regularly | (d) regulated |
| 3.  | (a) front    | (b) back     | (c) side      | (d) bottom    |
| 4.  | (a) truly    | (b) truthful | (c) true      | (d) truth     |
| 5.  | (a) incoming | (b) oncoming | (c) upcoming  | (d) ongoing   |
| 6.  | (a) privates | (b) privacy  | (c) private   | (d) privation |
| 7.  | (a) depart   | (b) departs  | (c) departed  | (d) departure |
| 8.  | (a) adoring  | (b) adored   | (c) adores    | (d) adoration |
| 9.  | (a) quit     | (b) quitting | (c) quits     | (d) quitter   |
| 10. | (a) I        | (b) my       | (c) me        | (d) mine      |
| 11. | (a) gave     | (b) gives    | (c) given     | (d) giving    |
| 12. | (a) willed   | (b) won't    | (c) wouldn't  | (d) willing   |



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

**3. MILEY CYRUS:** Make a poster about Miley Cyrus and other teenage stars. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TWITTER:** Write a magazine article about Twitter. Include imaginary interviews with the owner of Twitter and someone who hates 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 Miley Cyrus. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three reasons why she should not go back to Twitter. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE:

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

## SYNONYM MATCH:

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## GAP FILL:

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## LANGUAGE WORK

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