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Level 0

Turkey court says Twitter helps free speech

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THE READING

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A court in Turkey said a ban on Twitter damages free speech. Turkey blocked Twitter in March. The Prime Minister was angry with tweets people made before the country's elections. The posts could be embarrassing. Mr Erdogan doesn't like social media. He said: "We will wipe out Twitter." He doesn't care what anyone thinks.

Turks found different ways to use Twitter. The number of tweets went up after the ban. Now they are down by half. Many Turks are angry because of the Twitter ban. The court said everyone has the right to say what they want to say. Twitter tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter access restored in Turkey soon."

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A court | a. Twitter |
| 2. a ban on | b. elections |
| 3. angry with tweets | c. out Twitter |
| 4. before the country's | d. anyone thinks |
| 5. The posts could | e. in Turkey |
| 6. social | f. people made |
| 7. We will wipe | g. be embarrassing |
| 8. He doesn't care what | h. media |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Turks found different ways | a. want to say |
| 2. The number of tweets | b. are angry |
| 3. Now they are down | c. went up |
| 4. Many Turks | d. tweeted |
| 5. The court said everyone | e. to use Twitter |
| 6. say what they | f. access restored |
| 7. Twitter | g. by half |
| 8. We hope to have Twitter | h. has the right |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A court in Turkey (1) _____ Twitter damages free speech. Turkey (2) _____ March. The Prime Minister was angry with (3) _____ before the country's elections. The posts could (4) _____. Mr Erdogan doesn't (5) _____. He said: "We will wipe out Twitter." He doesn't care (6) _____.

Turks found (7) _____ use Twitter. The number of tweets (8) _____ the ban. Now they are down by half. Many Turks (9) _____ of the Twitter ban. The court said everyone (10) _____ say what they want to say. Twitter tweeted: "We (11) _____ Twitter (12) _____ Turkey soon."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

