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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

The website Breaking News English.com has upgraded its pages to be easier to use on mobile phones and tablets. This improvement means students and teachers who wish to browse the lessons, read the news articles or do the activities on their mobile devices can now do so with ease. The Internet has changed beyond recognition since it started a few decades ago. Being online today is worlds apart from the worldwide web of 20 years ago. Back then, web pages simply consisted of text and took an age to load. People could only view them on bulky desktop computers. Today, we have movies, music, games, GPS and a whole plethora of apps on our mobile phones.

The owner of Breaking News English commissioned the website developer [markbaindesign.com](http://www.markbaindesign.com) to make the site mobile friendly. Designer Mark Bain has created many eye-catching sites for some of the world's leading educators. Mr Bain summed up his thoughts on today's online world by saying: "Expectations about what can be done on a phone are rising every day." His work on Breaking News English is already popular. Saeed from Kuwait said: "I'm extremely happy with the new look. It is now much easier to get to grips with the activities." Another student, Rosa from Bolivia, said she could now interact with the news articles and exercises during her daily commute to work.

Sources: <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com>
<http://www.markbaindesign.com>

WARM-UPS

1. WEBSITES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about websites. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

website / breaking news / improvement / browse / changed / text / computers / apps
mobile / eye-catching / educators / expectations / popular / activities / commute

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

3. MOBILES: Students A **strongly** believe mobile phones are better than desktop computers; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NEWS: What is the best way to study using news? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How good or bad?	What can you do to study?
Websites		
Radio		
TV		
Newspapers		
Word of mouth		
Mobile apps		

5. TABLET: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "tablet". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

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

- BreakingNewsEnglish
- BBC.com
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Google
- YouTube
- Wikipedia
- Amazon

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

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

- a. The article says BreakingNewsEnglish.com now has an upgraded app. **T / F**
- b. The article says it is easier to browse the BreakingNewsEnglish site. **T / F**
- c. The article says a part of the world is not online. **T / F**
- d. The article says the Internet used to be just slow-loading pages of text. **T / F**
- e. A website developer made BreakingNewsEnglish more mobile friendly. **T / F**
- f. The website designer has made many sites about eyes. **T / F**
- g. The designer said people expect their phones will do more things. **T / F**
- h. A Bolivian student uses the news articles for her daily compute. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. upgraded | a. upgrade |
| 2. improvement | b. suppositions |
| 3. ease | c. cumbersome |
| 4. consisted | d. deal with |
| 5. bulky | e. no difficulty |
| 6. commissioned | f. features |
| 7. eye-catching | g. modernised |
| 8. expectations | h. striking |
| 9. get to grips with | i. contracted |
| 10. articles | j. was made up of |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. teachers who wish | a. friendly |
| 2. can now do so with | b. desktop computers |
| 3. Being online today is worlds | c. up his thoughts |
| 4. view them on bulky | d. ease |
| 5. a whole | e. commute to work |
| 6. make the site mobile | f. apart |
| 7. created many eye- | g. grips with |
| 8. Mr Bain summed | h. catching sites |
| 9. much easier to get to | i. plethora of apps |
| 10. during her daily | j. to browse |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

The website Breaking News English.com has (1) _____ its pages to be easier to use on mobile phones and (2) _____. This improvement means students and teachers who wish to (3) _____ the lessons, read the news articles or do the activities on their mobile devices can now do so with (4) _____. The Internet has changed beyond recognition since it started a few decades ago. Being online today is worlds (5) _____ from the worldwide web of 20 years ago. Back then, web pages (6) _____ consisted of text and took an age to (7) _____. People could only view them on bulky desktop computers. Today, we have movies, music, games, GPS and a whole (8) _____ of apps on our mobile phones.

apart
tablets
plethora
upgraded
ease
load
browse
simply

The owner of Breaking News English (9) _____ the website developer markbaindesign.com to make the site mobile (10) _____. Designer Mark Bain has created many eye- (11) _____ sites for some of the world's leading educators. Mr Bain (12) _____ up his thoughts on today's online world by saying: "Expectations about what can be done on a phone are (13) _____ every day." His work on Breaking News English is already popular. Saeed from Kuwait said: "I'm (14) _____ happy with the new look. It is now much easier to get to (15) _____ with the activities." Another student, Rosa from Bolivia, said she could now interact with the news articles and exercises during her daily (16) _____ to work.

commute
catching
commissioned
rising
grips
friendly
extremely
summed

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) upgraded its pages to be easier to use on mobile _____
 - a. phones and tablets
 - b. phones and tablet
 - c. phones and tables
 - d. phones and tabulates
- 2) ... the news articles or do the activities on their mobile devices can now _____
 - a. do so with these
 - b. do so with ease
 - c. do so withers
 - d. do so with eats
- 3) Back then, web pages simply consisted of text and took _____
 - a. an age to load
 - b. an ages to load
 - c. an ageing to load
 - d. an aged to load
- 4) People could only view them on bulky _____
 - a. desk topped computers
 - b. desk tops computers
 - c. disk top computers
 - d. desktop computers
- 5) Today, we have movies, music, games, GPS and a _____ apps
 - a. whole plethora of
 - b. hole plethora of
 - c. whole plethora off
 - d. holy plethora of
- 6) the website developer markbaindesign.com to make the _____
 - a. site mobiles friendly
 - b. site mobile friendly
 - c. sites mobile friendly
 - d. sites mobiles friendly
- 7) Designer Mark Bain has created many _____
 - a. jaw-dropping sites
 - b. gut-wrenching sites
 - c. eye-catching sites
 - d. ear-bending sites
- 8) Expectations about what can be done on a phone are _____
 - a. raising every day
 - b. rising every day
 - c. rise in every day
 - d. arising every day
- 9) I'm extremely happy with the new look. It is now much easier to _____
 - a. get to grasp with
 - b. get to gasp with
 - c. get to gripes with
 - d. get to grips with
- 10) she could now interact with the news articles and exercises during _____
 - a. her daily com-mute
 - b. her daily commuter
 - c. her daily commute
 - d. her daily compute

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The owner of Breaking News English commissioned the website developer markbaindesign.com to make the site (7) _____. Designer Mark Bain has created many (8) _____ for some of the world's leading educators. Mr Bain (9) _____ thoughts on today's online world by saying: "Expectations about what can be done on a phone (10) _____ day." His work on Breaking News English is already popular. Saeed from Kuwait said: "I'm extremely happy with the new look. It is now much easier to (11) _____ the activities." Another student, Rosa from Bolivia, said she could now interact with the news articles and exercises (12) _____ commute to work.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

1. What did BreakingNewsEnglish do to its pages?
2. What does the article say teachers might wish to browse?
3. What does the article say the Internet has changed beyond?
4. How long does the article say pages used to take to load?
5. What did the article say there was "a whole plethora of" on phones?
6. What did the website owner ask the designer to do to the site?
7. What kind of sites has the designer made for other educators?
8. Where is Saeed from?
9. What does Saeed say it's easier to get to grips with?
10. When does Rosa study using the site?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

- 1) What did BreakingNewsEnglish do to its pages?
 - a) read them
 - b) friend them
 - c) turn them
 - d) upgrade them
- 2) What does the article say teachers might wish to browse?
 - a) tablets
 - b) lessons
 - c) an encyclopaedia
 - d) Harry Potter books
- 3) What does the article say the Internet has changed beyond?
 - a) renaissance
 - b) reconnaissance
 - c) cognition
 - d) recognition
- 4) How long does the article say pages used to take to load?
 - a) eons
 - b) years
 - c) an age
 - d) ages
- 5) What did the article say there was "a whole plethora of" on phones?
 - a) songs
 - b) movies
 - c) websites
 - d) apps
- 6) What did the website owner ask the designer to do to the site?
 - a) make it a website
 - b) make it friends
 - c) make it mobile friendly
 - d) commission it
- 7) What kind of sites has the designer made for other educators?
 - a) eye-catching ones
 - b) jaw-dropping ones
 - c) ear-bending ones
 - d) gut-wrenching ones
- 8) Where is Saeed from?
 - a) Timbuktu
 - b) Khartoum
 - c) Kuwait
 - d) Qatar
- 9) What does Saeed say it's easier to get to grips with?
 - a) his popularity
 - b) the activities
 - c) his hands
 - d) happiness
- 10) When does Rosa study using the site?
 - a) while commuting
 - b) while computing
 - c) while exercising
 - d) while working

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

Role A – BreakingNewsEnglish

You think BreakingNewsEnglish is the best site in the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Facebook, Wikipedia or YouTube.

Role B – Facebook

You think Facebook is the best site in the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): BreakingNewsEnglish, Wikipedia or YouTube.

Role C – Wikipedia

You think Wikipedia is the best site in the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Facebook, BreakingNewsEnglish or YouTube.

Role D – YouTube

You think YouTube is the best site in the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Facebook, Wikipedia or BreakingNewsEnglish.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

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

phone	tablet

- 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">• pages• browse• ease• apart• text• plethora	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• owner• eye• summed• already• grips• daily
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WEBSITES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about websites 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.

WEBSITES DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'mobile'?
3. What do you think of the materials from this website?
4. How important is a mobile phone to you?
5. Do you prefer using a tablet or mobile phone?
6. What would life be like without mobile devices?
7. When is it better to use a desktop computer?
8. How do you study English using mobile devices?
9. How did people survive before the Internet came along?
10. What are your favourite apps and why do you like them?

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WEBSITES DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What are your favourite sites for learning English?
13. What are the advantages of learning English on mobile phones?
14. What are the disadvantages of learning English on mobile phones?
15. What do you think of the job of a website designer?
16. What are the most eye-catching sites you know of?
17. What will mobile phones be able to do in the future?
18. What do you do while travelling to work or school?
19. What advice do you have for the owner of Breaking News English?
20. What questions would you like to ask the creator of this site?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) paginates | (b) paging | (c) page | (d) pages |
| 2. | (a) wisher | (b) whisper | (c) wishing | (d) wish |
| 3. | (a) tease | (b) ease | (c) fleas | (d) please |
| 4. | (a) parted | (b) partner | (c) apart | (d) apparition |
| 5. | (a) agent | (b) aged | (c) age | (d) ape |
| 6. | (a) plethora | (b) pliant | (c) pliable | (d) pithy |
| 7. | (a) trendy | (b) friendly | (c) blended | (d) fiendishly |
| 8. | (a) catching | (b) hurting | (c) rubbing | (d) seeing |
| 9. | (a) on | (b) up | (c) in | (d) down |
| 10. | (a) arising | (b) risen | (c) rising | (d) raising |
| 11. | (a) let | (b) met | (c) get | (d) set |
| 12. | (a) co-mate | (b) comment | (c) compute | (d) commute |

SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

Paragraph 1

1. This mtmproveien means...
2. The Internet has changed beyond oertgioncn
3. it started a few saddcee ago
4. simply sonitcsed of text
5. view them on bkyul desktop computers
6. a whole ortehpla of apps

Paragraph 2

7. icsnodmimsoe the website developer
8. created many yee-tiangcch sites
9. the world's leading ascoedtru
10. petacixtosne about what can be done
11. I'm xlrmetryee happy
12. during her daily umtceom to work

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () apart from the worldwide web of 20 years ago. Back then, web pages simply consisted of text and took an
- () age to load. People could only view them on bulky desktop computers. Today, we
- () friendly. Designer Mark Bain has created many eye-catching sites for some of the world's leading
- (**1**) The website Breaking News English.com has upgraded its pages to be easier to use on mobile phones and
- () recognition since it started a few decades ago. Being online today is worlds
- () educators. Mr Bain summed up his thoughts on today's online world by saying: "Expectations
- () about what can be done on a phone are rising every day." His work on Breaking News English is already
- () tablets. This improvement means students and teachers who wish to browse the lessons, read the news articles or do the activities
- () on their mobile devices can now do so with ease. The Internet has changed beyond
- () The owner of Breaking News English commissioned the website developer markbaindesign.com to make the site mobile
- () popular. Saeed from Kuwait said: "I'm extremely happy with the new look. It is now much easier to get to
- () have movies, music, games, GPS and a whole plethora of apps on our mobile phones.
- () grips with the activities." Another student, Rosa from Bolivia, said she could now interact
- () with the news articles and exercises during her daily commute to work.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

1. to and browse teachers the who lessons wish Students .
2. since has it changed started beyond The recognition Internet .
3. simply consisted of text and took an age to load Pages .
4. bulky only desktop view computers them People on could .
5. on whole our plethora mobile of phones apps A .
6. created has Bain sites catching - eye many .
7. today's on thoughts his up summed Bain Mr world online .
8. can be done on a phone are rising Expectations about what .
9. the with grips to get to easier much now is It activities .
10. now could She articles news the with interact .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160604-mobile-friendly-site.html>

The website Breaking News English.com has *upgrades* / *upgraded* its pages to be easier to use on mobile phones and tablets. This improvement means students and teachers who *wishing* / *wish* to browse the lessons, read the news *articles* / *particles* or do the activities on their mobile devices can now do *so* / *soon* with *ease* / *easily*. The Internet has changed beyond *recognition* / *recognise* since it started a few decades ago. Being online today is *worlds* / *world* apart from the worldwide web of 20 years ago. Back then, web pages simply consisted of text and took an *ages* / *age* to load. People could only view them on *baulk* / *bulky* desktop computers. Today, we have movies, music, games, GPS and a whole *plethora* / *plectrum* of apps on our mobile phones.

The owner of Breaking News English *commiseration* / *commissioned* the website developer markbaindesign.com to make the site mobile *friends* / *friendly*. Designer Mark Bain has created many *eye-catching* / *ear-bashing* sites for some of the world's leading educators. Mr Bain summed *down* / *up* his thoughts on today's online world by saying: "Expectations about what can be done on a phone are *rising* / *arisen* every day." His work on Breaking News English is already *popularity* / *popular*. Saeed from Kuwait said: "I'm *extremity* / *extremely* happy with the new look. It is now much easier to get to *grips* / *grasp* with the activities." Another student, Rosa from Bolivia, said she could now *interact* / *counteract* with the news articles and exercises during her daily *commit* / *commute* to work.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ w_bs_t_ Br__k_ng N_ws _ngl_sh.c_m h_s _pgr_d_d
_ts p_g_s t_ b_ _s_r t_ _s_ _n m_b_l_ ph_n_s _nd
t_bl_ts. Th_s _mpr_v_mnt m_n_s st_d_n_t_s _nd
t_ch_rs wh_ w_sh t_ br_ws_ th_ l_ss_ns, r_d th_
n_ws _rt_cl_s _r d_ th_ _ct_v_t_s _n th__r m_b_l_
d_v_c_s c_n n_w d_ s_ w_th _s_. Th_ _nt_rn_t h_s
ch_ng_d b_y nd r_c_gn_t__n s_nc_ _t st_rt_d _f w
d_c_d_s _g_. B__ng _nl_n_t_d_y _s w_rlds _p_rt fr_m
th_ w_rldw_d_ w_b _f 20 y__rs _g_. B_ck th_n, w_b
p_g_s s_mply c_ns_st_d _f t_xt _nd t_k _n _g_ t_
l__d. P__pl_ c__ld _nly v__w th_m _n b_lky d_skt_p
c_mpt_rs. T_d_y, w_ h_v_ m_v__s, m_s_c, g_m_s,
GPS _nd _ wh_l_ pl_th_r_ _f _pps _n __r m_b_l_
ph_n_s.

Th_ _wn_r _f Br__k_ng N_ws _ngl_sh c_mm_ss__n_d
th_ w_bs_t_ d_v_l_p_r m_rkb__nd_s_gn.c_m t_ m_k_
th_ s_t_ m_b_l_ fr__ndly. D_s_gn_r M_rk B__n h_s
cr__t_d m_ny _y_-c_tchng s_t_s fr_s_m_ _f th_
w_rld's l__dng _d_c_t_rs. Mr B__n s_mm_d _p_h_s
th__ghts _n t_d_y's _nl_n_ w_rld by s_y_ng:
"_xp_ct_t__ns b__twh_t c_n b_d_n_ _n _ph_n_ _r_
r_s_ng _v_ry d_y." H_s w_rk _n Br__k_ng N_ws _ngl_sh
_s _lr__dy p_p_l_r. S__d fr_m K_w__t s__d: "'m
_xtr_m_ly h_ppy w_th th_ n_w l__k. _t _s n_w m_ch
__s__r t_ g_t t_ gr_ps w_th th_ _ct_v_t__s." _n th_r
st_d_n_t, R_s_ fr_m B_l_v__, s__d sh_ c__ld n_w
_nt_r_ct w_th th_ n_ws _rt_cl_s _nd _x_rc_s_s d_r_ng
h_r d__ly c_mm_t_ t_ w_rk.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 websites. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MOBILE DEVICES: Make a poster about mobile devices. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. STUDYING: Write a magazine article about studying English using websites. Include imaginary interviews with people who think this is the best way to study, and with people who do not think so.

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. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on mobile devices. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can use them better to study English. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. upgraded | a. modernised |
| 2. improvement | b. upgrade |
| 3. ease | c. no difficulty |
| 4. consisted | d. was made up of |
| 5. bulky | e. cumbersome |
| 6. commissioned | f. contracted |
| 7. eye-catching | g. striking |
| 8. expectations | h. suppositions |
| 9. get to grips with | i. deal with |
| 10. articles | j. features |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Upgrade them
2. Lessons
3. Recognition
4. An age
5. Apps
6. Make it mobile friendly
7. Eye-catching ones
8. Kuwait
9. The activities
10. On her commute to work

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)