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THE ARTICLE

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A former Facebook executive has said social media is doing great harm to society around the world. The executive is a man called Chamath Palihapitiya. He joined Facebook in 2007 and became a vice president. He was responsible for increasing the number of users Facebook had. Mr Palihapitiya said he feels very guilty about getting more people to use social networks. He said the networks are destroying society because they are changing people's behavior. Twenty years ago, people talked to each other face to face. Today, people message each other and do not talk. People also really care about what other people think of them. They post photos and wait to see how many people like the photo. They get very sad if people do not like the photo.

Mr Palihapitiya said people should take a long break from social media so they can experience real life. He wants people to value each other instead of valuing online "hearts, likes, and thumbs-up". Palihapitiya also points out how fake news is affecting how we see the world. It is becoming easier for large websites to spread lies. It is also becoming easier to hurt other people online. Anyone can hide behind a fake user name and post lies about other people. Palihapitiya said this was a global problem. He is worried about social media so much that he has banned his children from using it. However, he did state that Facebook was a good company. He said: "Of course, it's not all bad. Facebook overwhelmingly does good in the world."

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WARM-UPS

1. SOCIAL MEDIA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about social media. 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?

executive / social media / president / number / users / feeling guilty / social networks
a long break / real life / online likes / websites / user name / global problem / fake

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

3. OVERWHELMINGLY GOOD: Students A **strongly** believe social networks are overwhelmingly good; Students B **strongly** believe social networks are overwhelmingly bad. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SOCIAL MEDIA: What are the good and bad things about social media? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good	Bad
Communication		
News		
Ego		
Romance		
Education		
Bullying		

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

6. ADVANTAGES: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest advantages of social media at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- making friends
- keeping in touch
- getting advice
- up-to-date news
- getting advice
- shopping
- sharing music
- seeing family photos

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. former | a. All of the people living together in a country. |
| 2. executive | b. Being something, being in a job or being in a role before, but not now. |
| 3. harm | c. Feeling bad about something you have done to other people (or to yourself). |
| 4. responsible | d. A top manager in a business or organization. |
| 5. guilty | e. Having a duty to do something or do a job. |
| 6. destroying | f. Damage or hurt the health of someone or something. |
| 7. society | g. Damaging something so it is totally broken. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. break | h. A rest or a pause to stop something for a short time. |
| 9. value | i. Very, very, very strongly. |
| 10. thumbs-up | j. Think about how important someone or something is. |
| 11. fake | k. Stopped something from happening or stopped people from doing something. |
| 12. lies | l. A sign that something is great by showing a thumb pointing upwards. |
| 13. banned | m. A thing that is not real but is made to look like the real thing. |
| 14. overwhelmingly | n. Things that people say that they know are not true. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society.html>

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

- a. An ex-Facebook boss said social media is damaging society. **T / F**
- b. The ex-boss feels guilty about getting more people to use social media. **T / F**
- c. The ex-boss said social media does not change our behaviour. **T / F**
- d. People message each other today instead of talking face to face. **T / F**
- e. The ex-boss said people would benefit from a break from social media. **T / F**
- f. The ex-boss suggested liking online likes is a thing we need to do more. **T / F**
- g. It is becoming more difficult for big websites to spread fake news. **T / F**
- h. The ex-boss said Facebook is "overwhelmingly bad". **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1. executive | a. hold on |
| 2. harm | b. unhappy |
| 3. increasing | c. face |
| 4. wait | d. untruths |
| 5. sad | e. damage |
| 6. experience | f. appreciate |
| 7. value | g. boss |
| 8. lies | h. hugely |
| 9. break | i. growing |
| 10. overwhelmingly | j. rest |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. social media is doing great | a. name and post lies |
| 2. he feels very | b. think of them |
| 3. people talked to each other | c. good in the world |
| 4. care about what other people | d. harm to society |
| 5. They get very sad if people do | e. thumbs-up |
| 6. people should take a long break | f. face to face |
| 7. valuing online hearts, likes, and | g. children from using it |
| 8. Anyone can hide behind a fake user | h. guilty |
| 9. he has banned his | i. not like the photo |
| 10. Facebook overwhelmingly does | j. from social media |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society.html>

A former Facebook (1) _____ has said social media is doing great harm to society around the world. The executive is a man called Chamath Palihapitiya. He (2) _____ Facebook in 2007 and became a vice president. He was responsible for (3) _____ the number of users Facebook had. Mr Palihapitiya said he feels very (4) _____ about getting more people to use (5) _____ networks. He said the networks are destroying society because they are changing people's (6) _____. Twenty years ago, people talked to each other face to face. Today, people (7) _____ each other and do not talk. People also really care about what other people think of them. They (8) _____ photos and wait to see how many people like the photo. They get very sad if people do not like the photo.

behavior
guilty
joined
post
executive
social
message
increasing

Mr Palihapitiya said people should take a long (9) _____ from social media so they can experience real life. He wants people to (10) _____ each other instead of valuing online "hearts, likes, and thumbs-up". Palihapitiya also points out how (11) _____ news is affecting how we see the world. It is becoming easier for large websites to spread (12) _____. It is also becoming easier to hurt other people online. Anyone can hide behind a fake (13) _____ name and post lies about other people. Palihapitiya said this was a (14) _____ problem. He is worried about social media so much that he has (15) _____ his children from using it. However, he did state that Facebook was a good company. He said: "Of course, it's not all bad. Facebook overwhelmingly does (16) _____ in the world."

fake
user
banned
break
good
lies
value
global

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society.html>

- 1) A former Facebook executive has said social media is doing _____ society
 - a. great harmful to
 - b. great harms to
 - c. great harmed to
 - d. great harm to
- 2) He was responsible for increasing the _____ Facebook had
 - a. number of users
 - b. number of abusers
 - c. number of fusers
 - d. number of fuses
- 3) the networks are destroying society because they are changing _____
 - a. people's behavioral
 - b. people's behaviorally
 - c. people's behaving
 - d. people's behavior
- 4) People also really care about what other people _____
 - a. thinks of them
 - b. thinking of then
 - c. think of them
 - d. think of then
- 5) They get very sad if people do not _____
 - a. like them photo
 - b. like then photo
 - c. like the photo
 - d. like these photo
- 6) Mr Palihapitiya said people should take a long _____ media
 - a. break from social
 - b. breaks from socially
 - c. broke from social
 - d. break from socially
- 7) He wants people to value each other instead of _____ hearts
 - a. value in online
 - b. valuing on line
 - c. valuing on lines
 - d. valuing online
- 8) It is becoming easier for large websites _____
 - a. to spread lives
 - b. to spread lays
 - c. to spread lies
 - d. to spread ails
- 9) He is worried about social media so much that he has _____
 - a. binned his children
 - b. banned his children
 - c. band his children
 - d. bond his children
- 10) it's not all bad. Facebook overwhelmingly _____ the world
 - a. does good in
 - b. does goodly in
 - c. does goodness in
 - d. does goods in

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mr Palihapitiya said people should take a (7) _____ social media so they can experience real life. He wants people to value each other instead of valuing online "hearts, likes, (8) _____". Palihapitiya also points out (9) _____ is affecting how we see the world. It is becoming easier for large websites to spread lies. It is also becoming (10) _____ other people online. Anyone can hide behind a fake user name and post lies about other people. Palihapitiya said this was (11) _____. He is worried about social media so much that he has banned his children from using it. However, he did state that Facebook was a good company. He said: "Of course, it's (12) _____. Facebook overwhelmingly does good in the world."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society.html>

1. Who said social media is doing great harm to society?
2. When did Chamath Palihapitiya join Facebook?
3. How does Chamath Palihapitiya feel about increasing Facebook's users?
4. What did Chamath Palihapitiya say social media is changing?
5. What did Chamath Palihapitiya say people care about?
6. What did Chamath Palihapitiya want people to experience?
7. Who does Chamath Palihapitiya want people to value?
8. What did Chamath Palihapitiya say is affecting how we see the world?
9. Who did Chamath Palihapitiya ban from using social media?
10. What did Mr Palihapitiya say "overwhelmingly does good in the world"?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society.html>

- 1) Who said social media is doing great harm to society?
 - a) Mark Zuckerberg
 - b) a former Facebook executive
 - c) a sociologist
 - d) the CEO of Twitter
- 2) When did Chamath Palihapitiya join Facebook?
 - a) 2017
 - b) 2012
 - c) 1997
 - d) 2007
- 3) How does Chamath Palihapitiya feel about increasing Facebook's users?
 - a) guilty
 - b) happy
 - c) good
 - d) nothing
- 4) What did Chamath Palihapitiya say social media is changing?
 - a) the Internet
 - b) poor countries
 - c) people's behavior
 - d) children
- 5) What did Chamath Palihapitiya say people care about?
 - a) Internet connection speeds
 - b) what others think
 - c) their fingers
 - d) money
- 6) What did Chamath Palihapitiya want people to experience?
 - a) jet coaster rides
 - b) virtual reality
 - c) real life
 - d) true love
- 7) Who does Chamath Palihapitiya want people to value?
 - a) poor people
 - b) him
 - c) Facebook staff
 - d) each other
- 8) What did Chamath Palihapitiya say is affecting how we see the world?
 - a) fake news
 - b) a website
 - c) CNN
 - d) digital glasses
- 9) Who did Chamath Palihapitiya ban from using social media?
 - a) his children
 - b) bad people
 - c) his boss
 - d) his wife
- 10) What did Mr Palihapitiya say "overwhelmingly does good in the world"?
 - a) the United Nations
 - b) Facebook
 - c) the Internet
 - d) rain

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Making Friends

You think making friends is the best thing about social media. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): up-to-date news, shopping or sharing family photos.

Role B – Up-to-Date News

You think up-to-date news is the best thing about social media. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): making friends, shopping or sharing family photos.

Role C – Shopping

You think shopping is the best thing about social media. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): up-to-date news, making friends or sharing family photos.

Role D – Family Photos

You think sharing family photos is the best thing about social media. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): up-to-date news, shopping or making friends.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society.html>

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

social	media

- 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">• former• man• guilty• changing• face• post	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• break• value• lies• hide• global• bad
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SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about social media 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'social'?
3. What do you think of Facebook?
4. How important is social media to you?
5. What did people do before social media?
6. What harm is social media doing to the world?
7. What would it be like to be a Facebook executive?
8. What things have you felt guilty about?
9. How are social networks changing our behaviour?
10. How much do you care about people liking your posts?

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SOCIAL MEDIA DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'media'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of social media?
15. Why would it be good to take a break from social media?
16. What do you post on social media, and why?
17. What do you think of fake news?
18. Why is it dangerous for children to use social media?
19. What good do you think Facebook does in the world?
20. What questions would you like to ask the former Facebook executive?

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) done | (b) does | (c) doing | (d) did |
| 2. | (a) joined | (b) joint | (c) joining | (d) join |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) for | (c) by | (d) of |
| 4. | (a) head | (b) nose | (c) body | (d) face |
| 5. | (a) careful | (b) carefully | (c) care | (d) cared |
| 6. | (a) sadly | (b) sad | (c) sadness | (d) sadder |
| 7. | (a) break | (b) breakage | (c) break-in | (d) broke |
| 8. | (a) valor | (b) vale | (c) valve | (d) value |
| 9. | (a) affected | (b) affect | (c) affecting | (d) affects |
| 10. | (a) bide | (b) ride | (c) tide | (d) hide |
| 11. | (a) really | (b) so | (c) very | (d) as |
| 12. | (a) good | (b) goodly | (c) goodies | (d) goodness |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society.html>

Paragraph 1

1. A former Facebook veeicetxu
2. doing great harm to tyoisce
3. rsobnlpseei for increasing the number
4. he feels very tugyli
5. use social ktweosrn
6. people sseaegm each other

Paragraph 2

7. they can exereinepc real life
8. He wants people to elauv each other
9. epsdar lies
10. this was a lalobg problem
11. he has endban his children from using it
12. Facebook ylhmlnveiorwge does good

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Mr Palihapitiya said people should take a long break from social media so they can experience real
- () was a good company. He said: "Of course, it's not all bad. Facebook overwhelmingly does good in the world."
- () websites to spread lies. It is also becoming easier to hurt other people online. Anyone can hide
- () them. They post photos and wait to see how many people like the photo. They get very sad if people do not like the photo.
- () life. He wants people to value each other instead of valuing online "hearts, likes, and thumbs-
- () society because they are changing people's behavior. Twenty years ago, people talked to each other face to
- (**1**) A former Facebook executive has said social media is doing great harm to society around the world. The executive is a man
- () increasing the number of users Facebook had. Mr Palihapitiya said he feels very guilty
- () called Chamath Palihapitiya. He joined Facebook in 2007 and became a vice president. He was responsible for
- () behind a fake user name and post lies about other people. Palihapitiya said this was a global problem. He is worried
- () about getting more people to use social networks. He said the networks are destroying
- () face. Today, people message each other and do not talk. People also really care about what other people think of
- () up". Palihapitiya also points out how fake news is affecting how we see the world. It is becoming easier for large
- () about social media so much that he has banned his children from using it. However, he did state that Facebook

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society.html>

1. to is media harm doing Social great society .
2. for the He responsible increasing number was .
3. feels He people guilty getting very about more .
4. face to to each other face talked People .
5. about care really People think people other what .
6. wants to each He people value other .
7. the affecting world how Fake we news see is .
8. people other hurt to easier becoming is It .
9. hide can Anyone name user fake a behind .
10. children his banned has He it using from .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171214-modern-society.html>

A former Facebook *executive / exclusive* has said social media is doing great harm to *society / social* around the world. The executive is a man called Chamath Palihapitiya. He *joint / joined* Facebook in 2007 and became a vice president. He was *responsibility / responsible* for increasing the number of users Facebook had. Mr Palihapitiya said he feels very *guilty / guilt* about getting more people to use social networks. He said the networks are *destroying / destroys* society because they are changing people's behavior. Twenty years ago, people talked to *each / them* other face to face. Today, people message each other and do not talk. People also really *careful / care* about what other people think of them. They *post / posting* photos and wait to see how many people like the photo. They get very *sadly / sad* if people do not like the photo.

Mr Palihapitiya said people should take a long *broken / break* from social media so they can experience *real / really* life. He wants people to value each other instead *for / of* valuing online "hearts, likes, and thumbs-up". Palihapitiya also points out how fake news *are / is* affecting how we see the world. It is becoming easier for large websites to spread *lie / lies*. It is also becoming easier to hurt *another / other* people online. Anyone can hide *behind / before* a fake user name and post lies about other people. Palihapitiya said this was a *globally / global* problem. He is worried about social media so much that he has banned his children from using it. However, he did *state / stating* that Facebook was a good company. He said: "Of course, it's not all bad. Facebook overwhelmingly does good *on / in* the world."

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SOCIAL MEDIA: Make a poster about social media. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GOOD IN THE WORLD: Write a magazine article about social media being a great force for good in the world . Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against 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. 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 social media. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can make social media better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. executive | a. boss |
| 2. harm | b. damage |
| 3. increasing | c. growing |
| 4. wait | d. hold on |
| 5. sad | e. unhappy |
| 6. experience | f. face |
| 7. value | g. appreciate |
| 8. lies | h. untruths |
| 9. break | i. rest |
| 10. overwhelmingly | j. hugely |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A former Facebook executive
2. 2007
3. Guilty
4. People's behaviour
5. What other people think about them
6. Real life
7. Each other
8. Fake news
9. His children
10. Facebook

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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