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Inventor of World Wide Web says it must change

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The World Wide Web is thirty years old. Its inventor has written about it on the 30th anniversary. He was worried about how people are using the Internet and its two billion websites. He is concerned about the future of the Web. He wrote that he knew many people felt unsure about whether the Web was "a force for good". He believes it can be and that it can empower billions of people. He believes governments and companies must build a better Internet. He said: "If we give up on building a better Web now, then the Web will not have failed us. We will have failed the Web."

The inventor had three main worries about the World Wide Web. He said it was a "mirror of humanity" where "you will see good and bad". The first worry was criminal behavior, like hacking and online harassment. Governments must pass laws to keep people safe. A second worry is how social media spreads misinformation, especially fake news. Many people were tricked during the 2016 US presidential election and the UK Brexit vote. A final worry is about people's privacy. The inventor stressed the importance of fighting for a better and safer Web. He wants to be free to use.

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/03/world-wide-web-turns-30-designer-laments-dark-side-190312030516811.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The World Wide Web is | a. using the Internet |
| 2. on the 30th | b. unsure |
| 3. worried about how people are | c. billions of people |
| 4. concerned about the future | d. thirty years old |
| 5. many people felt | e. of the Web |
| 6. a force | f. anniversary |
| 7. it can empower | g. up |
| 8. If we give | h. for good |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a mirror | a. news |
| 2. criminal behavior, like | b. fighting |
| 3. social | c. hacking |
| 4. fake | d. be free to use |
| 5. Many people were | e. media |
| 6. A final worry is about | f. tricked |
| 7. the importance of | g. of humanity |
| 8. He wants it to | h. people's privacy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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worried about how people are using the Internet and
(2) _____ websites. He is concerned about the
future of the Web. He wrote that he knew many
(3) _____ about whether the Web was "a force for
good". He believes it can be and that it can
(4) _____ people. He believes governments and
companies must build a better Internet. He said: "If we
(5) _____ building a better Web now, then the Web
will not have failed us. We will (6) _____ Web."

The inventor had three (7) _____ the World Wide
Web. He said it was a "(8) _____" where "you will
see good and bad". The first worry was criminal behavior, like
(9) _____ harassment. Governments must pass
laws to keep people safe. A second worry is how social media
spreads misinformation, (10) _____. Many people
were tricked during the 2016 US presidential election and the UK
Brexit vote. A final worry is (11) _____. The
inventor stressed the importance of fighting for a better and safer
Web. He wants to be (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TheWorldWideWebisthirtyyearsold.Itsinventorhaswrittenaboutiton the30thanniversary.HewasworriedabouthowpeopleareusingtheInternetanditstwobillionwebsites.HeisconcernedaboutthefutureoftheWeb.HewrotethatheknewmanypeoplefeltunsureaboutwhethertheWebwas"aforceforgood".Hebelievesitcanbeandthatitcanempowerbillionsofpeople.HebelievesgovernmentsandcompaniesmustbuildabetterInternet.Hesaid:"IfwegiveuponbuildingabetterWebnow,thentheWebwillnothavefailedus.WewillhavefailedtheWeb."TheinventorhadthreemainworriesabouttheWorldWideWeb.Hesaiditwasa"mirrorofhumanity"where"youwillseegoodandbad".Thefirstworrywascriminalbehavior,likehackingandonlineharassment.Governmentsmustpasslawstokeeppeoplesafe.Asecondworryishowsocialmediaspreadsmisinformation,especiallyfakenews.Manypeopleweretrickedduringthe2016USpresidentialelectionandtheUKBrexitvote.Afinalworryisaboutpeople'sprivacy.TheinventorstressedtheimportanceoffightingforabetterandsaferWeb.Hewantstobefreetouse.

THE INTERNET SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about The Internet 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.

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) _____

