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Deepfake app puts your face in famous movie scenes

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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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An online technique called deepfake is worrying people. There could be more fake news and things that can trick people. The word "deepfake" is a combination of "deep learning" and "fake" (which means not real). The software means you can put your face over the face of a talking president or movie star. This process will make you speak in the voice of that president or movie star. The result is a fake video. Many people are worried the technology will be used during national elections. Deepfake videos could be used to trick people in elections.

A new deepfake app called Zao has gone viral in China. It went to number one on China's iOS App Store chart in just a few days. The app lets users put their face over the top of actors in scenes from movies or TV shows in just eight seconds. A Twitter user posted many Zao videos of himself in famous TV and movie scenes. He really looks like the main actor in the movies *The Hulk*, *Titanic*, and in the TV fantasy drama *Game of Thrones*. The Zao app is only available for people with a Chinese phone number. It cannot be downloaded from app stores in the USA or Europe.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. An online | a. worried |
| 2. There could be more fake | b. and "fake" |
| 3. things that can | c. people in elections |
| 4. a combination of "deep learning" | d. technique |
| 5. the voice of that | e. trick people |
| 6. Many people are | f. elections |
| 7. national | g. president |
| 8. videos could be used to trick | h. news |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Zao has gone | a. drama |
| 2. scenes from movies | b. himself |
| 3. in just | c. from app stores |
| 4. posted many Zao videos of | d. or TV shows |
| 5. the main actor | e. phone number |
| 6. in the TV fantasy | f. viral in China |
| 7. people with a Chinese | g. in the movies |
| 8. It cannot be downloaded | h. eight seconds |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An online technique called deepfake (1) _____.

There could be more fake (2) _____ that can trick people. The word "deepfake" is (3) _____ "deep learning" and "fake" (which means not real). The software means you can put your face (4) _____ of a talking president or movie star. This process will make you speak in the (5) _____ president or movie star. The result is a fake video. Many people are worried the technology will be used during national elections. Deepfake videos could be (6) _____ people in elections.

A new deepfake app called Zao (7) _____ in China. It went to number one on China's iOS App Store chart in just a few days. The app (8) _____ their face over the top of actors in scenes from movies or TV shows (9) _____ seconds. A Twitter user posted many Zao videos of himself in famous TV and movie scenes. He really looks like (10) _____ in the movies The Hulk, Titanic, and in the (11) _____ Game of Thrones. The Zao app is only available for people with a Chinese phone number. It cannot (12) _____ app stores in the USA or Europe.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DEEFAKE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190906-deepfake-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about deepfake 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) _____

