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Level 1 – 28th April, 2022

Elon Musk buys Twitter for \$44 billion

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter-1.html>

Elon Musk, the world's richest person, bought Twitter for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, he bought 9 per cent of Twitter for \$2.6 billion. Twitter's value then went up by 27 per cent. Musk wanted the whole company, but the company said no. However, on January the 25th, the company said yes. Musk is number seven on the list of Twitter's most-followed people, with 84 million followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama is top, with 131 million followers.

Mr Musk wants more free speech on Twitter. He aims to remove spam bots. These tweet false information to people. They also spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations and other things. Mr Musk wants to introduce new ideas. Many people are asking if Musk will let former U.S. President Donald Trump use Twitter again. He was banned in 2021. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could mean more hate speech.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-61225355>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the world's | a. people |
| 2. he bought 9 per cent | b. company |
| 3. Twitter's value then | c. of Twitter |
| 4. Musk wanted the whole | d. on the list |
| 5. the company | e. top |
| 6. Musk is number seven | f. richest person |
| 7. Twitter's most-followed | g. said yes |
| 8. Barack Obama is | h. went up |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Mr Musk wants more free | a. Twitter |
| 2. He aims to remove spam | b. theories |
| 3. These tweet false | c. new ideas |
| 4. They also spread conspiracy | d. bots |
| 5. Mr Musk wants to introduce | e. groups |
| 6. He was banned | f. speech on Twitter |
| 7. Human rights | g. in 2021 |
| 8. a more open | h. information |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Elon Musk, (1) _____ person, bought Twitter for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, (2) _____ per cent of Twitter for \$2.6 billion. Twitter's (3) _____ up by 27 per cent. Musk wanted the whole company, but the (4) _____. However, on January the 25th, the company said yes. Musk is number (5) _____ list of Twitter's most-followed people, with 84 million followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama (6) _____ 131 million followers.

Mr Musk wants more free speech on Twitter. He (7) _____ spam bots. These tweet false information to people. They (8) _____ theories about vaccinations and other things. Mr Musk (9) _____ new ideas. Many people (10) _____ Musk will let former U.S. President Donald Trump use Twitter again. He (11) _____ 2021. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could mean (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TWITTER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Twitter 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) _____

