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Level 2 – 28th April, 2022

Elon Musk buys Twitter for \$44 billion

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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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Elon Musk, the world's richest person, has bought Twitter. He bought the company 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 to buy the whole company, but the board of directors said no. However, on January the 25th, the board said yes. Musk is number seven on the list of Twitter's most-followed people. He has 84 million followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama is top of the list with 131 million followers. A former Twitter boss is happy that Musk is the new owner.

Mr Musk said he wants more free speech on Twitter. He aims to remove spam bots. These are used to tweet false information to people voting in elections. They are also used to spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations and other social issues. Mr Musk wants to introduce new products. He said the company has a lot of potential. Many people are asking if Musk will allow former U.S. President Donald Trump back on Twitter. He was banned in 2021. Other people are worried about hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a rise in hate speech.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the world's | a. the list |
| 2. he bought | b. on the list |
| 3. Twitter's value then went | c. boss is happy |
| 4. the board of | d. up by 27 per cent |
| 5. Musk is number seven | e. followers |
| 6. He has 84 million | f. 9 per cent of Twitter |
| 7. top of | g. richest person |
| 8. A former Twitter | h. directors |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. He aims to remove spam | a. worried |
| 2. used to tweet false | b. theories |
| 3. people voting | c. hate speech |
| 4. conspiracy | d. bots |
| 5. He was banned | e. groups |
| 6. Other people are | f. in elections |
| 7. Human rights | g. in 2021 |
| 8. a rise in | h. information |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Musk said he wants (7) _____ on Twitter. He aims to (8) _____. These are used to tweet false information to people voting in elections. They are also used to (9) _____ about vaccinations and other social issues. Mr Musk wants to introduce new products. He said the company has a (10) _____. Many people are asking if Musk will allow former U.S. President Donald Trump back on Twitter. He was banned in 2021. Other people (11) _____ hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to (12) _____ hate speech.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TWITTER SURVEY

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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) _____

