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**Level 3 – 28th April, 2022**

## Elon Musk buys Twitter for \$44 billion

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

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).**

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# THE ARTICLE

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

The world's richest person, Elon Musk, has bought the social media site Twitter. Mr Musk bought the company for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, he bought 9.1 per cent of Twitter for \$2.64 billion. Twitter's value rose by 27 per cent after this. Musk then made a follow-up offer to buy the whole company, but the board of directors rejected this. However, on April the 25th, the board publicly accepted Mr Musk's offer. Musk is number seven on the list of Twitter's most-followed people. He has 84 million followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama tops the list with 131 million followers. Twitter's co-founder Jack Dorsey said he was happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I trust his mission."

Mr Musk said he wants to open up Twitter more to free speech. One of his biggest aims is to remove spam bots, which fill Twitter with fake tweets. Many spam bots are used to tweet false information to people voting in elections. They are also used to spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations, immigration and other social issues. Mr Musk said he wants to introduce new products. He said the company has "tremendous potential". One big question people are asking is whether Musk will allow former U.S. President Donald Trump back on the platform. He was banned in January 2021. Other concerns people have are about hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a rise in hate speech.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. TWITTER:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Twitter. 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?

richest person / social media / company / value / whole / directors / happy / trust / Twitter / free speech / spam bots / conspiracy theories / question / concerns / hate

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

**3. FREE SPEECH:** Students A **strongly** believe we can say anything about anyone; Students B **strongly** believe we can't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. BIG TECH COMPANIES:** What do you think of these big tech companies? How can they be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Think	Improvements
Twitter		
Google		
Apple		
Amazon		
Netflix		
Facebook		

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

**6. SOCIAL MEDIA:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best social media sites at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Twitter
- Facebook
- YouTube
- Reddit
- TikTok
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- Pinterest

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 1. value    | a. An action of saying you will pay money to buy something from someone. |
| 2. rose     | b. So as to be seen or heard by other people.                            |
| 3. offer    | c. How much money something is worth.                                    |
| 4. whole    | d. Went up; increased.   |
| 5. rejected | e. All of something.   |
| 6. publicly | f. Refused to agree to something.  |
| 7. trust    | g. Belief in the truth or ability of someone or something,               |

## Paragraph 2

- |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 8. remove             | h. A special medicine (usually put in your arm) to stop a disease or virus.               |
| 9. fake               | i. Take something or someone away from something.   |
| 10. spread            | j. A belief that a group of people is responsible for (false) information about an event. |
| 11. conspiracy theory | k. The action of coming to live in a foreign country.                                     |
| 12. vaccination       | l. Not real.  |
| 13. immigration       | m. Officially or legally stopped from doing something.                                    |
| 14. banned            | n. Move something over a wider area or to more people.                                    |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. Elon Musk is the second-richest person in the world. **T / F**
2. Elon Musk bought 91% of Twitter on April the 4th. **T / F**
3. Elon Musk has the seventh most followers on Twitter. **T / F**
4. A previous boss of Twitter is unhappy that Mr Musk is the new boss. **T / F**
5. Mr Musk wants to get rid of spam bots from Twitter. **T / F**
6. Spam bots do not spread conspiracy theories on Twitter. **T / F**
7. Mr Musk has said Donald Trump can continue his Twitter account. **T / F**
8. Human rights groups are worried about a rise in hate speech. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>richest</b>   | a. goals         |
| 2. <b>bought</b>    | b. believe in    |
| 3. <b>rose</b>      | c. possibilities |
| 4. <b>whole</b>     | d. purchased     |
| 5. <b>trust</b>     | e. untrue        |
| 6. <b>aims</b>      | f. worries       |
| 7. <b>false</b>     | g. wealthiest    |
| 8. <b>potential</b> | h. let           |
| 9. <b>allow</b>     | i. increased     |
| 10. <b>concerns</b> | j. entire        |

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

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. The world's                          | a. spam bots       |
| 2. Twitter's value rose by 27 per cent  | b. followed people |
| 3. Musk then made a follow-             | c. theories        |
| 4. the list of Twitter's most-          | d. the list        |
| 5. Barack Obama tops                    | e. rights groups   |
| 6. One of his biggest aims is to remove | f. after this      |
| 7. spam bots are used to tweet false    | g. potential       |
| 8. conspiracy                           | h. up offer        |
| 9. the company has tremendous           | i. information     |
| 10. Human                               | j. richest person  |

# GAP FILL

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

The world's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ person, Elon Musk, has bought the social (2) \_\_\_\_\_ site Twitter. Mr Musk bought the company for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, he bought 9.1 per cent of Twitter for \$2.64 billion. Twitter's value (3) \_\_\_\_\_ by 27 per cent after this. Musk then made a follow-up offer to buy the whole company, but the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of directors rejected this. However, on April the 25th, the board publicly accepted Mr Musk's (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Musk is number seven on the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of Twitter's most-followed people. He has 84 million followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the list with 131 million followers. Twitter's co-founder Jack Dorsey said he was happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ his mission."

*offer*  
*rose*  
*trust*  
*richest*  
*list*  
*media*  
*tops*  
*board*

Mr Musk said he wants to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ up Twitter more to free speech. One of his biggest aims is to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ spam bots, which fill Twitter with fake tweets. Many spam bots are used to tweet (11) \_\_\_\_\_ information to people voting in elections. They are also used to spread conspiracy (12) \_\_\_\_\_ about vaccinations, immigration and other social issues. Mr Musk said he wants to introduce new products. He said the company has "tremendous (13) \_\_\_\_\_". One big question people are asking is whether Musk will allow former U.S. President Donald Trump back on the (14) \_\_\_\_\_. He was banned in January 2021. Other (15) \_\_\_\_\_ people have are about hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a (16) \_\_\_\_\_ in hate speech.

*potential*  
*open*  
*remove*  
*concerns*  
*theories*  
*rise*  
*false*  
*platform*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The world's richest person, Elon Musk, has bought the \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter
  - a. socially media site
  - b. social medium site
  - c. social media site
  - d. social medium site
- 2) made a follow-up offer to buy the whole company, but the board of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. directors rejected his
  - b. directors rejected these
  - c. directors rejected this
  - d. directors reject it this
- 3) However, on April the 25th, the board publicly accepted \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Mr Musk's coffer
  - b. Mr Musk's proffer
  - c. Mr Musk's doffer
  - d. Mr Musk's offer
- 4) Former U.S. President Barack Obama tops the list with \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 131 billion follower
  - b. 131 million follower
  - c. 131 million followers
  - d. 131 million followings
- 5) happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. trust his missing
  - b. trust his miss shun
  - c. trust this mission
  - d. trust his mission
- 6) Mr Musk said he wants to open up Twitter more \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to freeze speech
  - b. to free speech
  - c. to frees speech
  - d. to freed speech
- 7) One of his biggest aims is to remove spam bots, which fill Twitter \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. with fake tweets
  - b. with flake tweets
  - c. with flack tweets
  - d. with frock tweets
- 8) to people voting in elections. They are also used to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. spared conspiracy theories
  - b. spread conspiracy theory
  - c. spread conspiracy theories
  - d. spread conspiracies theories
- 9) he wants to introduce new products. He said the company \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. his tremendous potential
  - b. has tremendously potential
  - c. has tremendous potent shall
  - d. has tremendous potential
- 10) Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a rise \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in height speech
  - b. in hate speech
  - c. in hated speech
  - d. on hate speech

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where is Elon Musk on the world's richest people list?
2. When did Mr Musk purchase 9.1 per cent of Twitter?
3. Who publicly accepted Mr Musk's offer on April the 25th?
4. Who has the most followers on Twitter?
5. Who trusts Elon Musk's mission?
6. What does Elon Musk want to remove from Twitter?
7. What kinds of theories do spam bots spread?
8. What does Elon Musk want to introduce?
9. Who might be allowed to come back to Twitter?
10. Who is worried about a rise in hate speech?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Where is Elon Musk on the world's richest people list?
  - a) number two
  - b) number seven
  - c) number three
  - d) number one
- 2) When did Mr Musk purchase 9.1 per cent of Twitter?
  - a) last year
  - b) April the 4th
  - c) April the 25th
  - d) yesterday
- 3) Who publicly accepted Mr Musk's offer on April the 25th?
  - a) Jack Dorsey
  - b) Facebook
  - c) the board of directors
  - d) Silicon Valley
- 4) Who has the most followers on Twitter?
  - a) Barack Obama
  - b) Katie Perry
  - c) Adele
  - d) Cristiano Ronaldo
- 5) Who trusts Elon Musk's mission?
  - a) Joe Biden
  - b) Donald Trump
  - c) Jack Dorsey
  - d) the CEO of Apple
- 6) What does Elon Musk want to remove from Twitter?
  - a) ads
  - b) spam bots
  - c) fake accounts
  - d) lies
- 7) What kinds of theories do spam bots spread?
  - a) scientific theories
  - b) new theories
  - c) easy to understand theories
  - d) conspiracy theories
- 8) What does Elon Musk want to introduce?
  - a) new products
  - b) subscriptions
  - c) video tweets
  - d) a TikTok format
- 9) Who might be allowed to come back to Twitter?
  - a) Elon Musk
  - b) Jack Dorsey
  - c) Donald Trump
  - d) Bob
- 10) Who is worried about a rise in hate speech?
  - a) Elon Musk
  - b) human rights groups
  - c) Jack Dorsey
  - d) poor people

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Twitter**

You think Twitter is the best social media site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Facebook, TikTok or Instagram.

## **Role B – Facebook**

You think Facebook is the best social media site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Twitter, TikTok or Instagram.

## **Role C – TikTok**

You think TikTok is the best social media site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

## **Role D – Instagram**

You think Instagram is the best social media site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Facebook, TikTok or Twitter.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

<b>free</b>	<b>speech</b>
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- 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"><li>• person</li><li>• value</li><li>• rejected</li><li>• seven</li><li>• tops</li><li>• new</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• aims</li><li>• false</li><li>• spread</li><li>• introduce</li><li>• platform</li><li>• groups</li></ul>
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# TWITTER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220428-twitter.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-Presidentations to other groups on your findings.

# TWITTER 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 'free'?
3. What do you think of Twitter?
4. How important is free speech?
5. Are you free to say anything in your country?
6. Do you think Twitter is good or bad?
7. What's the best social media platform?
8. Is it OK for one person to own Twitter?
9. Who do you like to follow on social media?
10. What advice do you have for Elon Musk?

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# TWITTER 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 'speech'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Elon Musk?
15. What do you know about spam bots?
16. What do you think of conspiracy theories?
17. Have you read false information about vaccinations?
18. Should Twitter allow Donald Trump back?
19. What new things should Twitter do?
20. What questions would you like to ask Elon Musk?

## **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

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

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |             |            |             |              |
|-----|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) buys    | (b) buying | (c) bought  | (d) buy      |
| 2.  | (a) of      | (b) at     | (c) on      | (d) for      |
| 3.  | (a) rose    | (b) tulip  | (c) climber | (d) flowered |
| 4.  | (a) up      | (b) of     | (c) at      | (d) to       |
| 5.  | (a) stop    | (b) tops   | (c) atop    | (d) pots     |
| 6.  | (a) tryst   | (b) thrust | (c) thirst  | (d) trust    |
| 7.  | (a) targets | (b) sights | (c) goals   | (d) aims     |
| 8.  | (a) fails   | (b) fierce | (c) farce   | (d) false    |
| 9.  | (a) about   | (b) of     | (c) at      | (d) by       |
| 10. | (a) return  | (b) back   | (c) be      | (d) come     |
| 11. | (a) binned  | (b) banned | (c) band    | (d) bend     |
| 12. | (a) up      | (b) on     | (c) in      | (d) over     |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. Twitter's vuale rose by 27 per cent
2. buy the hlewo company
3. the board of tcdrieros
4. the board publicly aedcptc Mr Musk's offer
5. Obama tops the list with 131 million flesolwro
6. I trust his mionssi

## Paragraph 2

7. tweet lfaes information
8. conspiracy eehotirs
9. the company has tremendous eotnatilp
10. back on the latfpomr
11. Other nnoecscr people have
12. Human hirgts groups

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) Mr Musk said he wants to open up Twitter more to free speech. One of his biggest aims is to remove spam
- ( ) offer. Musk is number seven on the list of Twitter's most-followed people. He has 84 million
- ( ) followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama tops the list with 131 million followers. Twitter's co-founder
- ( ) bots, which fill Twitter with fake tweets. Many spam bots are used to tweet false information to people voting
- ( ) of directors rejected this. However, on April the 25th, the board publicly accepted Mr Musk's
- ( ) Jack Dorsey said he was happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I trust his mission."
- ( ) issues. Mr Musk said he wants to introduce new products. He said the company has "tremendous
- ( ) people have are about hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a rise in hate speech.
- ( ) President Donald Trump back on the platform. He was banned in January 2021. Other concerns
- ( ) company for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, he bought 9.1 per cent of Twitter for \$2.64 billion. Twitter's value
- ( ) in elections. They are also used to spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations, immigration and other social
- ( ) potential". One big question people are asking is whether Musk will allow former U.S.
- ( ) rose by 27 per cent after this. Musk then made a follow-up offer to buy the whole company, but the board
- ( **1** ) The world's richest person, Elon Musk, has bought the social media site Twitter. Mr Musk bought the

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. the bought has site media Twitter . social Musk
2. per rose cent 27 Twitter's after by this . value
3. people . list on Seven Twitter's most-followed of the
4. followers . tops 131 list with the Obama million
5. He's new Twitter's that happy Mr is Musk owner .
6. open to speech . to Twitter He wants free
7. to tweet used Spam false are bots information .
8. vaccinations . about spread used to conspiracy theories They're
9. Musk new wants to he products . introduce said
10. people are Other have concerns hate about speech .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The world's *richest / rich* person, Elon Musk, has bought the social media site Twitter. Mr Musk *brought / bought* the company for \$44 billion. On April the 4th, he bought 9.1 per cent *for / of* Twitter for \$2.64 billion. Twitter's value *rose / tulip* by 27 per cent after this. Musk then made a follow-up offer to buy the *hole / whole* company, but the board of directors rejected *this / them*. However, on April the 25th, the board *publicly / public* accepted Mr Musk's offer. Musk is number seven *on / at* the list of Twitter's most-followed people. He has 84 million followers. Former U.S. President Barack Obama *stops / tops* the list with 131 million followers. Twitter's co-founder Jack Dorsey said he was happy that Mr Musk is Twitter's new owner. He said: "I *trust / truth* his mission."

Mr Musk said he wants to open up Twitter more to *freely / free* speech. One of his biggest aims is to remove *spam / beef* bots, which fill Twitter with fake tweets. Many spam bots are used to tweet *falsely / false* information to people voting in elections. They are also used to spread conspiracy *theory / theories* about vaccinations, immigration and other social *tissues / issues*. Mr Musk said he wants to introduce new *products / produce*. He said the company has "tremendous potential". One big question people are asking is whether Musk will allow *farmer / former* U.S. President Donald Trump back on the platform. He was *banned / binned* in January 2021. Other concerns people have *are / be* about hate speech. Human rights groups say a more open Twitter could lead to a rise *on / in* hate speech.

**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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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMWORK

**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. TWITTER:** Make a poster about Twitter. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. FREE SPEECH:** Write a magazine article about anybody being able to write anything on Twitter. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 Twitter. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on Twitter. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 F    5 T    6 F    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. j	5. b
6. a	7. e	8. c	9. h	10. f

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Number one
- April the 4th
- The board of directors
- Barack Obama
- Jack Dorsey
- Spam bots
- Conspiracy theories
- New products
- Donald Trump
- Human rights groups

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Musk has bought the social media site Twitter.
- Twitter's value rose by 27 per cent after this.
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- They're used to spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations.
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## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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