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Arbetsblad

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Vocabulary: Before listening, make sure that you are familiar with the following words:

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| conspiracy | a secret plan to do something illegal or harmful |
| dodgy | something that seems dishonest, unreliable and of low quality |
| pixelate | divide into pixels for display in digital format |
| glaring | giving out or reflecting a strong or dazzling light |
| menace | a threat or a danger that is likely to cause harm |
| verification | the process of establishing the truth, accuracy, or validity of something |
| launch | to start or set in motion |
| ignorant | lacking knowledge or awareness |
| sanctions | penalties for disobeying a law or rule |
| weed out | to remove unwanted people or things from a group |
| nutritious | containing the right vitamins, minerals and ingredients to be healthy |
| guardian | a protector of something such as a parent of a child or a stand-in parent of a child |
| item | articles or units of food or other necessities |
| trial (verb) | to test something for its suitability, performance or quality |
| red flag | a metaphor to signal a warning of danger |
| no-strings-attached | used to show that an offer does not come with special conditions or consequences |
| workforce | the people available for work in a particular area, country or business |
| discourage | cause someone to lose confidence or enthusiasm |
| seamstress | a woman who earns her living by sewing |
| go viral | to spread quickly and widely on the internet |
| pilot (project) | an activity planned as a test or a trial |

Ghana: Detecting fake news

1. What is ironic about the invention of the internet, according to Alanna Leslie?
2. How did Fiifi Anaman know that the screenshot he saw was fake news?
3. What does the website called DUBAWA do?

All across Africa: E-racing competitions

4. What is Formula E and what would it like to do in Africa?

Outer space: Lettuce that is out of this world

5. Why might it be important for astronauts to be able to grow vegetables in space in the future?

Canada: Universal Basic Income

6. What is Universal Basic Income? Choose one of the options below.
 - a. A political system that provides a country's citizens with food each week.
 - b. A political system that provides a country's citizens with coupons for whatever they need every week.
 - c. A political-economic system that provides a country's citizens with a small amount of money each month.
 - d. A set amount of income tax that is deducted from all citizens regardless of how high or low their income is.
7. What are some of the advantages of UBI, according to the programme?
8. According to the programme, what are some of the concerns that critics of UBI have?
9. A research study on UBI was started in Ontario in 2017 but was cancelled by politicians just a year later. What were some of the initial findings of the study?

South Sudan: Learning what it is like to be a refugee

10. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE.

- a. Lual Mayen has created a video game called *Salaam*. TRUE/FALSE
- b. When Lual was 15, his mother bought him his first smartphone. TRUE/FALSE
- c. Lual is the boss of his own music studio in Washington, D.C. TRUE/FALSE
- d. His mission in life is to make life better for people who are going through what he did as a refugee. TRUE/FALSE

Language points: Complete the following idiomatic expressions

- 11. The situation was a bit suspicious. The fact that the lights were all off raised a red ...
 - a. flag
 - b. lead
 - c. flake
- 12. The dog was just about to jump into the pool when it was stopped in its ...
 - a. traces
 - b. tracks
 - c. prints
- 13. Some of these words are unnecessary in the text and can be weeded ...
 - a. in
 - b. off
 - c. out
- 14. The girl had family and friends on all continents and was a real citizen of the ...
 - a. world
 - b. earth
 - c. globe
- 15. His new song was released on social media and went completely...
 - a. vital
 - b. viral
 - c. critical

Discussion points:

Dealing with fake news: How would you explain fake news? Where do you think it comes from? Have you ever been convinced by news that later turned out to be fake? Find out more about news detection. What are some signs to show that news is fake? Do you think fake news is mostly prevalent on the internet or has it come in to mainstream media (such as radio and television) as well. Do you trust mainstream media such as the news you see on television or hear on the radio? Why or why not? How can fake news be combatted?

Universal Basic Income: Canada and Finland are two countries that have begun talks about implementing a basic income for all citizens. This means that a small amount of money would be given to all citizens each month regardless of their income. What do you think of the idea of a Universal Basic Income? Find out more about UBI and make a list of advantages and disadvantages. Take a position for or against and set up a debate with your peers where one group argues for UBI and one group argues against.

Empathy through technology: Lual Mayen has created a game in which players take on the identity of a refugee. Do you think video games have the power to teach empathy and to make players understand what it is like to be someone else? Why do you think Mayen's game has been so successful? Can you think of other ways in which people can "step into somebody else's shoes"?

Key

- 1) Suggestion: Even though more knowledge and information is available to people than ever before, there is an increase in conspiracy theories, misinformation and fake news.
- 2) Suggestion: The website looked dodgy as it was heavily pixelated and the text was not well spaced.
- 3) Suggestion: It checks facts to either verify them or refute them.
- 4) Suggestion: Formula E is a racing competition that uses only electric cars. It would like to hold races all across Africa and not just in one place, like now, in Marrakesh.
- 5) Suggestion: In the future, there are plans to send astronauts on missions to Mars that might last for years. Growing food in space might be crucial for these long-term missions to be possible.
- 6) c
- 7) Suggestion: Supporters of UBI argue that it would raise the standard of living and security for all people which would lower the burden on public services such as hospitals and shelters.
- 8) Suggestion: Critics of UBI argue that a no-strings-attached payment would weaken people's motivation to join the workforce.
- 9) Suggestion: The study found that almost 80 percent of the respondents reported better health when receiving a basic income and almost 75 percent continued to work while receiving a basic income.
- 10) a. TRUE
b. FALSE
c. FALSE
d. TRUE
- 11) a. flag
- 12) b. tracks
- 13) c. out
- 14) a. world
- 15) b. viral