

# NEWSREEL 2021-02-13

Arbetsblad

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## Vocabulary

### Racism against a Footballer

rival	konkurrent
to tackle an issue	att ta itu med ett problem
to talk until you're blue in the face	ungefär: prata sig hes (idiom)
to hold (someone/something) accountable for	att ställa (någon/någonting) till svars för

### Algorithms on the Internet

to influence	att påverka
similar	liknande
content	innehåll
tailored	skräddarsydd, anpassad
to be aware	att vara medveten
to raise awareness	att öka medvetenhet

## While Listening: Comprehension Questions

### Racism against a Footballer

1. What does Gary Lineker think about the recent incident?

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2. Which footballers are receiving abuse online?

- a. Black footballers.
- b. Manchester United footballers.
- c. Arsenal footballers.
- d. 22-year-old footballers.

3. What does Jermaine Jenas think about social media companies' role in this problem?

- a. It is their fault.
- b. They are doing too little.
- c. He spoke on 5Live Sports.
- d. They are tackling the issue.

### Algorithms on the Internet

4. What do these algorithms do?

- a. They help you on Facebook and Instagram
- b. They show you personalised content.
- c. They like funny content.
- d. They make interesting content.

5. What social media are mentioned in the news article? Mention **TWO**.

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6. What kind of accounts does Lydia follow on social media?

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7. What scars Lydia about this topic?

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8. How has social media affected Flora according to Kate?

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9. What does Flora think young people need to do?

- a. They are manipulated by websites.
- b. They should feel less insecure.
- c. They need to learn more about algorithms.

### **After Listening: Discuss!**

Are you aware of algorithms and how they influence you online? What kind of advertisements do you see online? Do you think that algorithms are a good thing or a bad thing? Why or why not? In the second news story, we heard from Lydia. She thinks that it is scary that companies have a lot of data about internet users. What do you think about that? Discuss with a classmate!

### **After Listening: Debate!**

Abuse online – who is responsible? Individuals, the government or social media companies? We heard in the first news story that the footballer Marcus Rashford has been racially abused online. What kind of role do you think individual people should have in solving this problem? Should governments have stronger laws and legislation to stop online abuse? Should social media companies be held responsible?

### **Useful Phrases**

In my opinion...	I reckon that...
I think...	I believe...
I agree, because...	I disagree, because...
On the one hand, ...	On the other hand, ...
In my personal experience...	According to the news report...

### **After Listening: Write!**

An online magazine for young people has asked you to write a blog about your social media usage and your thoughts about it. Write a blog entry for their website.

These questions might help you, but you don't have to use them if you don't want to.

- What is your experience of social media?
  - o When did you first get a social media account?
  - o How do social media affect you and your life?
  - o Are there any things you dislike about social media?
  - o Are there any things you like about social media?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of social media for people in general?
  - o Do you think social media can help some people? Who? How?
  - o Do you think there are any negative sides of social media? What are they?
  - o How about positive sides? What is great about social media
- What kind of effects can social media have on mental health?
  - o Can social media be positive for people struggling with mental health issues?
  - o Are there any downsides to using social media if you have mental health issues?

## Answers

1. It is depressing/sad
2. a.
3. b.
4. b.
5. YouTube, Facebook, Instagram
6. Mental health/self-help accounts
7. The data (they have on you) (is scary)
8. It has had a negative effect on her.
9. c.