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Vocabulary

Racism against a Footballer

racial abuse	rasistiska trakasserier
rival	konkurrent, konkurrerande
to hold (someone/something) accountable for	att ställa (någon/någonting) till svars för
investigation	utredning
to bring someone to justice	att ställa någon inför rätta

Algorithms on the Internet

to be concerned about something	att vara orolig över någonting
impact	påverkan, effekt
to influence	att påverka
mental health	psykisk hälsa
targeted advertising	riktad reklam

Old Folk Song Tops the Charts

sea shanty	sjömanssång
to go viral	spridas i sociala medier
charts	topplistor

While Listening: Comprehension Questions

Racism against a Footballer

1. Who is Gary Lineker?

2. According to Jermaine Jenas, social media companies...

- a. are doing too little.
- b. are investigating.
- c. are held accountable.

Algorithms on the Internet

3. People think that algorithms...

- a. are great.
- b. can be a bad influence.
- c. are impactful.
- d. a piece of technology.

4. What do algorithms do?

- a. They control your internet.
- b. They watch YouTube videos.
- c. They show you things you like.
- d. They recommend that you turn off your phone.

5. How has Lydia changed her online behaviour?

6. What makes Lydia worried about this topic?

Old Folk Song Tops the Charts

7. Who sings sea shanties traditionally?

8. What job does Nathan Evans have?

- a. He is famous on TikTok.
- b. He delivers mail.
- c. He is a musician.
- d. He is Scottish.

After Listening: Discuss!

How much do you know about algorithms? Do you think they influence you on the internet? 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 thought 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 was racially abused online. Who do you think should deal with this problem? What should individuals do? What should governments do? What should social media companies do?

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.

- Do you use social media?
- When did you first get a social media account?
- Are there any things you dislike about social media?
- Are there any things you like about social media?
- Do you think social media can help some people? Who? How?
- Do you think there are any negative sides of social media? What are they?
- How about positive sides? What is great about social media?

Answers

1. A football legend
2. a.
3. b.
4. c.
5. She tailored the algorithms to see more mental health and self-help accounts
6. She thinks that the data they have on you is scary
7. Sailors
8. b.