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Before Listening: Vocabulary

Social Media News	to delay	att försena
	facial scanning	ansiktsskanning
	to raise concerns	att uttrycka oro
	data breach	dataintrång
	to leak	att läcka ut
Royalty News	to be arrested	att gripas
	on suspicion of	misstänkt för
	misconduct in public office	tjänstefel i offentlig tjänst
	outdated	föråldrad
	to benefit	att ge fördelar
	that's a tricky one	det är svårt att säga
	inevitably	oundvikligen
	fallible	felbar
	to deserve	att förtjäna
Gaming News	fishing village	fiskeby
	fictional	fiktiv
	to launch	att lansera
	fog	dimma

Before Listening: Describe the Picture

Look at the picture on page 1 and describe it to a classmate.

Remember

Use the present continuous tense when talking about what is happening in a picture.

It is raining**ing**.
The sun is shining**ing**.
The boy is ...**ing**.
The people are ...**ing**.

Describing a Picture: Questions

- Who are the people in the picture?
- What are they wearing?
- What are they doing?
- Where are they standing?
- How do the people feel?

Describing a Picture: Words and Phrases

What is in the picture?

In the picture I can see ...

There is / There are ...

The picture shows ...

At first glance ...

If you look closely, you can see ...

Where in the Picture?

At the top of the picture ...

In the middle of the picture ...

On the left/right of the picture ...

In the foreground there is/are ...

Next to ...

In front of ...

Behind ...

Near ...

On top of ...

Under ...

While Listening: Comprehension Questions

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- b) The users protested against the company's plans.
- c) The company lost a significant amount of user data.

2 What specific items were leaked during a past data breach on Discord?

3 What do fans of the monarchy believe the royal family provides for the UK?

- a) Important new laws and political power.
- b) Reliability, historical customs, and visitors.
- c) A stronger military and modern values.

4 Matthew mentions two countries that have been treated badly by the monarchy.

Name one:

5 Why does Henry criticise the existence of the monarchy?

- a) He feels they do not contribute anything clear or useful to society.
- b) He thinks their traditions are old-fashioned and embarrassing.
- c) He is upset about their bad behaviour on social media platforms.

6 What does Matthew believe the royal family are good for?

7 What does Matthew say about the royal family being a part of British history?

- a) Their historical importance isn't worth anything today.
- b) Their historical importance is the best reason to continue supporting them.
- c) Most of the historical stories about the royal family are probably not true.

8 Henry says the UK should hire _____ to attract tourists instead of paying millions to the royal family?

9 What kind of setting in Scotland inspired the new Silent Hill video game?

10 What specific emotion do the game creators want players to experience?

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2 What past event made some Discord users worried about their privacy?

- a) Hackers deleted thousands of active user accounts.
- b) Private chat messages were published on the internet.
- c) Tens of thousands of personal ID pictures were exposed.

3 What do fans of the monarchy believe the royal family provides for the UK?

- a) Important new laws and political power.
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4 What is the main reason Matthew dislikes the royal family?

- a) He feels they have treated certain countries poorly in the past.
- b) He thinks they cost the Scottish taxpayers too much money.
- c) He believes they are involved in too many modern scandals.

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6 Why does Matthew think the monarchy will survive?

- a) Because older generations will always vote to keep them.
- b) Because they generate a huge amount of money for the UK.
- c) Because the government has promised to protect their reputation.

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8 What point is Henry trying to make by bringing up France?

- a) The British monarchy should spend more money advertising in Europe.
- b) France has a much better history of treating its royal family well.
- c) A country doesn't need a king or queen to attract millions of tourists.

9 What real-life location served as the model for the new Silent Hill game?

- a) A rainy, industrial city in the heart of Scotland.
- b) A dark and frightening forest located in Ireland.
- c) A little Scottish community by the sea.

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After Listening: Discuss

In the first news story, we learnt about the chat platform Discord delaying its plans to make users prove their age using personal IDs or facial scans.

Discuss with a classmate! How should apps protect young users without invading their privacy?

Helpful questions for discussion

- The news story mentions Discord asking users for an ID or a facial scan to prove their age. How would you react if your favourite app asked you to do this?
- Why do you think it is important for chat apps and social media platforms to know exactly how old their users are?
- The text talks about a "data breach" where thousands of private ID photos were leaked to the public. Does the fear of hackers make you careful about what you share online?
- What are some other, safer ways that companies could check a user's age without asking for private pictures or documents?
- Do you think teenagers today care enough about their personal data and privacy on the internet, or do we share too much?
- Who do you think has the biggest responsibility for keeping young people safe online: the app developers, the parents, or the users themselves?

Words and Phrases for discussion

I think that ...

I believe (that) ...

I reckon ...

If you ask me ...

On the one hand ...

On the other hand...

In my opinion ...

As far as I know ...

After Listening: Write

In the second news story, we found out about the growing debate surrounding the future of the British monarchy after a recent royal scandal.

Write an opinion blog post about whether you think countries still need a royal family in the modern world.

Some things to think about

Historic traditions

Modern scandals

Tourism benefits

Social media

Money makers

Society's needs

After Listening: Word Work – Idioms

When we speak English, we often use idioms and expressions that shouldn't be translated word-for-word. In the interviews, Matthew and Henry use several common expressions.

Task: Read the 7 expressions in quotation marks taken from the news stories. Choose the correct explanation (a, b, or c) for what the expression means.

1. Henry says he is "not a fan" of the royal family.
 - a. He doesn't like them very much.
 - b. He isn't famous enough to meet them.
 - c. He doesn't follow them on social media.

2. Matthew says guessing the future of the monarchy is a "tricky one to say".
 - a. It is a secret he cannot tell.
 - b. It is a very difficult question to answer.
 - c. It is a word that is hard to pronounce.

3. The presenter asks if this is the "beginning of the end" for the royals.
 - a. The first part of a very long book.
 - b. The start of something completely new.
 - c. The start of a process that will ruin or destroy something.

4. Matthew calls the royal family a huge "money maker" for the UK.
 - a. A machine that prints cash.
 - b. Someone or something that generates a lot of wealth.
 - c. A bank account for the government.

5. Henry says that "blue blood isn't a thing".
 - a. Royals are not magically different or better than normal people.
 - b. The royal family needs to go to the hospital.
 - c. Royals are not allowed to wear the colour blue.

6. Henry says royals are just as "fallible" as anybody else.
 - a. They can fall over easily.
 - b. They can make mistakes and do wrong things.
 - c. They are very rich.

7. Matthew says that just because the royals had a historical impact, doesn't mean they deserve to "stay around".
 - a. Stand in one place for a long time.
 - b. Continue to exist in the future.
 - c. Travel around the country.

Answers

Comprehension questions

- 1 b
- 2 ID photos
- 3 b
- 4 Scotland, Ireland
- 5 a
- 6 the country's economy / finances / money
- 7 a
- 8 marketers, a marketing team
- 9 a small (Scottish) village
- 10 b

Quiz questions

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

Word Work

- 1 a
- 2 b
- 3 c
- 4 b
- 5 a
- 6 b
- 7 b

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