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Carrie: Hi, and welcome to Newsreel Easy. I'm Carrie Morrison. Coming up:

• Gambling adverts in children's games

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But first...

#### **Environmental News**

Scientists have discovered that Europe is heating up faster than anywhere else on Earth.

Last year was the hottest year ever recorded across the planet. But studies show that Europe is warming up twice as fast as the rest of the world.

Last June, there was a big heatwave in the North Sea around the UK. Temperatures were 5 degrees Celsius higher than usual.

### **Gambling News**

Now, what do you know about online gambling?

A new report by a charity, which tries to help people with gambling problems, says that children see a lot of gambling advertisements in their online games.

The charity, GambleAware, says these advertisements often use cartoons and childish images to encourage young people to gamble. And that could lead to them becoming addicted later in life.

So what do young people in London think about this? I've been finding out. I first spoke with Euan.

Carrie: Euan, what do you think about these ads?

**Euan:** I'm someone who's not a gambler, someone who has no interest in gambling, it's incredibly frustrating.

Euan says that he is someone who does not like gambling games, and he is annoyed that children see so many adverts about gambling.

I also spoke with Jayden.

Carrie: Jayden, why do you think children are shown these gambling adverts?

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gambler spelare incredibly otroligt adverts reklam **Jayden:** The reason for a lot of these ads is that a lot of children, and people in general, are researching constantly how to make money. And because of this, it's telling the algorithm: 'Okay, these people want easy and fast ways to make money. Gambling is easy and fast way to make money.'

Jayden thinks people want quick ways to make money, and online algorithms are pushing gambling as a way to do that.

Carrie: And what about you, Euan?

**Euan:** Children are easy targets. There are so many ways that you can get children to gamble in a way that seems fun and silly at the time but is incredibly dangerous.

Euan thinks that the advertisers make these games look fun when really they are dangerous.

Carrie: What should be done about this?

**Euan:** I think this is a real problem and, yeah, the government just needs to legislate it. And I don't think it's very difficult to pull back on where gambling companies are allowed to advertise.

Euan thinks that the government should stop gambling companies from advertising in certain places, where children are likely to see these ads.

Carrie: And what do you think, Jayden?

**Jayden:** You have to think about addictive people and why people become addictive. And having a bunch of these mental health issues is also going to contribute to whether or not that child is actually going to end up gambling.

Jayden thinks that people need to do more about mental health issues in young people - and to try to understand why they start gambling in the first place.

Thank you to Euan and Jayden.

## Music News

[Fortnight by Taylor Swift featuring Post Malone]

That was a short clip of Fortnight from Taylor Swift's new album.

The song has caused much excitement amongst fans of the online game Fortnite. Many saw the title of the song as a sign that Taylor Swift will feature soon in the musical version of the game, Fortnite Festival.

The game has previously included music by Lady Gaga, Billie Eilish, and The Weekend.

That's all for this week.

I'll be back on May 18th.

Goodbye!

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