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Facebook Lite: Slimmer and easier to use

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Facebook has introduced a new version of its social networking site. It's called Facebook Lite. It is slimmer and thinner than the older Facebook. This is good news for people with slow Internet speeds. Furthermore, Lite does not have hundreds of services like the older Facebook has, so it is easier to use. Industry experts say Facebook introduced Lite to compete with Twitter. Users can share posts in real time – the same as Twitter. Unfortunately, for the moment, it is only available to people in the USA and India.

I think this new Facebook site is a great idea. I got a little fed up with the old site. There were too many games and other applications on it. This meant sometimes things took forever to load. I agree with what reporters are saying about Facebook Lite. It is beginning to look like Twitter. I think I'll switch to using Lite. It's simple and I like simple. PC World magazine says it's thin, and that "thin is in". I agree. I wonder why companies prefer to use the new spelling 'lite' instead of the usual spelling 'light'. Maybe the older spelling will disappear.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a new version of its social | a. in real time |
| 2. slimmer and thinner than | b. compete with Twitter |
| 3. Lite does not have hundreds | c. people in the USA |
| 4. Facebook introduced Lite to | d. networking site |
| 5. Users can share posts | e. of services |
| 6. only available to | f. the older Facebook |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. I got a little fed | a. forever to load |
| 2. sometimes things took | b. in |
| 3. It is beginning to | c. will disappear |
| 4. thin is | d. the new spelling |
| 5. companies prefer to use | e. up with the old site |
| 6. Maybe the older spelling | f. look like Twitter |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Facebook has (1) _____ a new version of its social networking site. It's called Facebook Lite. It is slimmer and thinner than the older Facebook. This is good news for people with (2) _____ Internet speeds. Furthermore, Lite does not have hundreds of (3) _____ like the older Facebook has, so it is easier to use. Industry experts say Facebook introduced Lite to compete with Twitter. Users can share posts (4) _____ real time – the same as Twitter. Unfortunately, for the moment, it is only available (5) _____ people in the USA and India.

I think this new Facebook site is a great idea. I got a little fed (6) _____ with the old site. There were too many games and other applications on it. This (7) _____ sometimes things took forever to load. I agree with what reporters are saying about Facebook Lite. It is beginning to look (8) _____ Twitter. I think I'll switch to using Lite. It's simple and I like simple. PC World magazine says it's thin, and that "thin is (9) _____". I agree. I wonder why companies prefer to use the new spelling 'lite' instead of the (10) _____ spelling 'light'. Maybe the older spelling will disappear.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) introduction | (b) introduces | (c) introduced |
| 2. | (a) well | (b) good | (c) best |
| 3. | (a) serviced | (b) service | (c) services |
| 4. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) to |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) by |
| 6. | (a) up | (b) on | (c) to |
| 7. | (a) meaning | (b) meant | (c) means |
| 8. | (a) likes | (b) likely | (c) like |
| 9. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) an |
| 10. | (a) usually | (b) usual | (c) use |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a new eosnriv
2. aloisc networking site
3. slow Internet esdspe
4. Industry xsepret
5. share spots in real time
6. livableaa to people in the USA

Paragraph 2

7. a rtage idea
8. things took eorverf to load
9. what reoesrprt are saying
10. I like ilpmes
11. companies prreef to use the new spelling
12. the older spelling will aeidpapr

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to use the new spelling 'lite' instead of the usual spelling 'light'. Maybe the older spelling will disappear.
- () of services like the older Facebook has, so it is easier to use. Industry experts say Facebook introduced Lite to
- () simple. PC World magazine says it's thin, and that "thin is in". I agree. I wonder why companies prefer
- () saying about Facebook Lite. It is beginning to look like Twitter. I think I'll switch to using Lite. It's simple and I like
- () many games and other applications on it. This meant sometimes things took forever to load. I agree with what reporters are
- (**1**) Facebook has introduced a new version of its social networking site. It's called Facebook Lite. It is slimmer and thinner
- () compete with Twitter. Users can share posts in real time – the same as Twitter. Unfortunately, for the
- () than the older Facebook. This is good news for people with slow Internet speeds. Furthermore, Lite does not have hundreds
- () I think this new Facebook site is a great idea. I got a little fed up with the old site. There were too
- () moment, it is only available to people in the USA and India.

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. of its A social new networking version site.

2. Good slow news Internet for speeds people with.

3. Twitter with compete to Lite introduced Facebook.

4. time real in posts share can Users.

5. available in only people USA is to the It.

6. I think this new Facebook site is a great idea.

7. the old site I got a little fed up with.

8. load Sometimes took to things forever.

9. i'll think I Lite using to switch.

10. spelling new the use to prefer Companies.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Facebook Lite. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Facebook Lite. Include imaginary interviews with one person who thinks Facebook is best and another person who thinks Twitter is best. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to the owner of Facebook. Ask him/her three questions about Facebook Lite. Give him/her three of your opinions on Facebook and other social networking sites. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.