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Facebook allows panic button for kids

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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The social media website Facebook is allowing its young users to install a special button on their profile. Some people call it a "panic" button but it is really a link to report suspicious behavior. All parents worry about who their children are talking to online. There are many cases of adults tricking children, meeting them and then abusing them. In England, some children have been killed by people they met on Facebook. They thought they were meeting a new friend. The new app is a joint project between Facebook and Britain's Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre.

This is a great idea. It will mean children are safer when they use Facebook. The CEOP has already had a lot of success in finding criminals who want to harm children. The problem with Facebook is that you really don't know who the strangers are. It is so easy for evil people to trick kids. Facebook spokeswoman Joanna Shields said: "Together we have developed a new way of helping young people stay safe online. It is only through the constant and [focused] efforts of the [Internet] industry, police, parents and young people themselves that we can all keep safe online."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. social | a. talking to online |
| 2. install | b. behavior |
| 3. report suspicious | c. children |
| 4. who their children are | d. media website |
| 5. adults tricking | e. project |
| 6. a joint | f. a special button |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. This is a great | a. the strangers are |
| 2. success in finding | b. safe online |
| 3. you really don't know who | c. helping young people |
| 4. It is so | d. idea |
| 5. a new way of | e. criminals |
| 6. we can all keep | f. easy |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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The social media website Facebook _____ users to install a special button on their profile. Some people call it a "panic" button but _____ to report suspicious behavior. All parents _____ children are talking to online. There are many cases of adults tricking children, meeting them _____. In England, some children have _____ they met on Facebook. They thought they were meeting a new friend. The new _____ between Facebook and Britain's Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre.

This is a great idea. It will mean _____ they use Facebook. The CEOP has already had _____ in finding criminals who want to harm children. The problem with Facebook is that _____ who the strangers are. It is so easy for _____ kids. Facebook spokeswoman Joanna Shields said: "Together we have developed a new way of helping young people _____. It is only through the constant and [focused] efforts of the [Internet] industry, police, parents and young people themselves that we can _____."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The social media website Facebook is allowing its young (1) _____ to install a special button on their profile. Some people call it a "panic" button but it is really a link (2) _____ report suspicious behavior. All parents worry about who their children are talking to online. There are many (3) _____ of adults tricking children, meeting them and then abusing them. In England, some children have been killed (4) _____ people they met on Facebook. They thought they were meeting a new friend. The new app is a (5) _____ project between Facebook and Britain's Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre.

This is a great idea. It will (6) _____ children are safer when they use Facebook. The CEOP has already had a lot of success in (7) _____ criminals who want to harm children. The problem with Facebook is that you really don't know who the strangers are. It is so easy for evil people to (8) _____ kids. Facebook spokeswoman Joanna Shields said: "Together we have developed a new way of helping young people stay safe online. It is only (9) _____ the constant and [focused] efforts of the [Internet] industry, police, parents and young people themselves that we can all (10) _____ safe online."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) users | (b) uses | (c) used |
| 2. | (a) by | (b) to | (c) from |
| 3. | (a) boxes | (b) bags | (c) cases |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) in |
| 5. | (a) joint | (b) joined | (c) joins |
| 6. | (a) mean | (b) meant | (c) meaning |
| 7. | (a) find | (b) found | (c) finding |
| 8. | (a) brick | (b) trick | (c) prick |
| 9. | (a) threw | (b) though | (c) through |
| 10. | (a) have | (b) keep | (c) do |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. social ieamd website
2. a eslipac button
3. report suspicious rovbieah
4. adults ncitgirk children
5. children have been keidl
6. a oitjn project

Paragraph 2

7. a eagrt idea
8. a lot of ssusecc
9. who the nstragser are
10. dpleoevde a new way
11. fetrfs of the Internet industry
12. keep safe ioenln

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () children are talking to online. There are many cases of adults tricking children, meeting them and then abusing
- (**1**) The social media website Facebook is allowing its young users to install a special button on their profile. Some
- () friend. The new app is a joint project between Facebook and Britain's Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre.
- () people call it a "panic" button but it is really a link to report suspicious behavior. All parents worry about who their
- () of the [Internet] industry, police, parents and young people themselves that we can all keep safe online."
- () who the strangers are. It is so easy for evil people to trick kids. Facebook spokeswoman Joanna Shields said: "Together
- () we have developed a new way of helping young people stay safe online. It is only through the constant and [focused] efforts
- () of success in finding criminals who want to harm children. The problem with Facebook is that you really don't know
- () them. In England, some children have been killed by people they met on Facebook. They thought they were meeting a new
- () This is a great idea. It will mean children are safer when they use Facebook. The CEOP has already had a lot

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

1. its to special Allowing users a young install button.

2. link report behavior A to suspicious.

3. talking Parents who are about children to worry their.

4. met they people by Killed Facebook on.

5. they friend were meeting They a thought new.

6. safer It mean are will children.

7. to want who criminals Finding children harm.

8. the really strangers don't are know who You.

9. to trick kids It is so easy for evil people.

10. A of people way young safe new helping stay.

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. ONLINE SAFETY: Search the Internet and find more information about online safety. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about online safety. Include imaginary an interview with the head of Facebook's online safety department. 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 boss of the Internet. Ask him/her three questions about online safety. Give him/her three of your opinions on online safety. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.