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Harry and Meghan to quit social media

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

Reporters are saying the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have abandoned social media. The Duke (formerly Prince Harry) and his wife Meghan have reportedly said goodbye to their social media accounts. They want to focus on their new life together in the USA. The "Sunday Times" newspaper in the UK wrote that the couple have no plans to use social media for their non-profit organisation or for their personal lives. The newspaper said the couple have become sad and tired of all the "hate" they see online. They both decided to step down as active members of the British royal family last year. Since then, many people have attacked and criticised them on their Instagram account.

Harry and Meghans' main social media account was @sussexroyal on Instagram. They have 10.4 million followers on this account but have not posted any new content since March 2020. A source told the "Sunday Times" that the couple were "very unlikely" to use social media again. Meghan has spoken out about the harm social media can do. She was the subject of many attacks after she married into Britain's royal family. She said she experienced "almost unsurvivable" online abuse and cyberbullying. She added that she was the most trolled person in the world in 2019. This news comes as social media companies are in the spotlight for suspending the accounts of US President Donald Trump.

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WARM-UPS

1. SOCIAL MEDIA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about social media. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

reporters / social media / goodbye / couple / personal / sad / tired / royal family / followers / content / source / harm / attacks / married / abuse / cyberbullying

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. GOOD: Students A **strongly** believe social media is largely good; Students B **strongly** believe social media is largely bad. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WHO IS IT GOOD FOR?: How necessary is social media for these people? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Necessary Is It?	Why?
Royals		
Famous people		
Companies		
Old people		
Teenagers		
Teachers		

5. HATE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "hate". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. PLATFORMS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Twitter
- Facebook
- Pinterest
- YouTube
- Instagram
- WeChat
- TikTok
- LinkedIn

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. abandoned | a. This is what someone said (but might not be true). |
| 2. formerly | b. Totally gave up a course of action, a practice, or a way of thinking. |
| 3. reportedly | c. The center of interest or activity. |
| 4. focus | d. Two people who are married, engaged or together. |
| 5. couple | e. In the past; in earlier times. |
| 6. royal | f. Pointed out the bad things about someone or something. |
| 7. criticised | g. Having the status of a king or queen (or emperor or empress; sultan or sultana, etc.) or a member of their family. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. follower | h. A person who provides information. |
| 9. source | i. Followed someone on social media and made non-stop negative comments about them. |
| 10. spoken out | j. Someone who joins another person's social media account. |
| 11. abuse | k. Talk honestly about your feelings. |
| 12. trolled | l. The focus or centre of attention. |
| 13. spotlight | m. Terrible and harmful language aimed at someone. |
| 14. suspending | n. Stopping something or someone from continuing or being in force or effect for a (short) length of time. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The Duke of Sussex was once known as Prince William. **T / F**
- b. The Duke and Duchess want to focus on their new life in Canada. **T / F**
- c. The couple will continue their non-profit organisation social media site. **T / F**
- d. The couple stepped down as members of the UK royal family. **T / F**
- e. The couple have over 100 million followers on social media. **T / F**
- f. The last time the couple posted on social media was a month ago. **T / F**
- g. Meghan said she was the most trolled person in the world. **T / F**
- h. Social media is in the spotlight after suspending Donald Trump. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. abandoned | a. uploaded |
| 2. goodbye | b. condemned |
| 3. focus | c. public eye |
| 4. sad | d. farewell |
| 5. criticised | e. damage |
| 6. posted | f. depressed |
| 7. harm | g. mistreatment |
| 8. abuse | h. left |
| 9. spotlight | i. putting on hold |
| 10. suspending | j. concentrate |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. reportedly said | a. of all the "hate" |
| 2. They want to focus | b. Britain's royal family |
| 3. the couple have no plans | c. British royal family |
| 4. the couple have become sad and tired | d. on their new life |
| 5. active members of the | e. spotlight |
| 6. They have 10.4 million | f. goodbye |
| 7. Meghan has spoken out | g. followers on this account |
| 8. she married into | h. and cyberbullying |
| 9. almost unsurvivable" online abuse | i. to use social media |
| 10. social media companies are in the | j. about the harm |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

Reporters are saying the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have (1) _____ social media. The Duke (formerly Prince Harry) and his wife Meghan have reportedly said goodbye to their social media (2) _____. They want to (3) _____ on their new life together in the USA. The "Sunday Times" newspaper in the UK wrote that the couple have no (4) _____ to use social media for their non-profit organisation or for their personal (5) _____. The newspaper said the couple have become sad and tired of all the "(6) _____" they see online. They both decided to step down as active (7) _____ of the British royal family last year. Since then, many people have attacked and (8) _____ them on their Instagram account.

focus

lives

abandoned

criticised

plans

members

accounts

hate

Harry and Meghans' (9) _____ social media account was @sussexroyal on Instagram. They have 10.4 million (10) _____ on this account but have not posted any new (11) _____ since March 2020. A source told the "Sunday Times" that the couple were "very (12) _____" to use social media again. Meghan has spoken out about the harm social media can do. She was the (13) _____ of many attacks after she married into Britain's royal family. She said she experienced "almost unsurvivable" online (14) _____ and cyberbullying. She added that she was the most (15) _____ person in the world in 2019. This news comes as social media companies are in the (16) _____ for suspending the accounts of US President Donald Trump.

subject

followers

unlikely

trolled

abuse

main

spotlight

content

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

- 1) Reporters are saying the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have _____
 - a. abandoned social medium
 - b. abandoned social meddling
 - c. abandoned social media
 - d. abandoned social me dear
- 2) Prince Harry and his wife Meghan have _____
 - a. reported and said goodbye
 - b. report it re-said goodbye
 - c. rip port teddy said goodbye
 - d. reportedly said goodbye
- 3) use social media for their non-profit organisation or for _____
 - a. their personal lives
 - b. their personality lives
 - c. their person all lives
 - d. their personally lives
- 4) They both decided to step down as active members of the _____
 - a. British loyal family
 - b. British royal family
 - c. British rival family
 - d. British real family
- 5) Since then, many people have attacked _____
 - a. and criticised their
 - b. and criticised there
 - c. and criticised theh
 - d. and criticised them
- 6) They have 10.4 million followers on this account but have not posted _____
 - a. any newly content
 - b. any new content
 - c. any newt content
 - d. any knew content
- 7) A source told the "Sunday Times" that the couple _____
 - a. were very unliked
 - b. were verily unlikely
 - c. were very unlikely
 - d. were verily not likely
- 8) Meghan has spoken out about the harm social _____
 - a. media can do
 - b. media can does
 - c. media can done
 - d. media can doing
- 9) She said she experienced almost unsurvivable _____
 - a. online abusive
 - b. online abuser
 - c. online abuse
 - d. online abused
- 10) This news comes as social media companies are _____
 - a. in the spot left
 - b. in the spot right
 - c. in the spot lamp
 - d. in the spotlight

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

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Harry and Meghans' main social media account was @sussexroyal on Instagram. They have 10.4 million (7) _____ account but have not posted any new content since March 2020. A source told the "Sunday Times" that the couple (8) _____ to use social media again. Meghan has spoken out (9) _____ social media can do. She was (10) _____ many attacks after she married into Britain's royal family. She said she experienced "almost unsurvivable" online abuse and cyberbullying. She added that she was (11) _____ person in the world in 2019. This news comes as social media companies are (12) _____ for suspending the accounts of US President Donald Trump.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

1. What was the Duke of Sussex formerly known as?
2. What do the couple want to focus on?
3. What is the name of the newspaper mentioned in this article?
4. What are the couple sad at seeing online?
5. When did the couple step down as members of the royal family?
6. How many followers do the couple have on Instagram?
7. When was the last time the couple posted content on social media?
8. What did Meghan experience that was "almost unsurvivable"?
9. When was Meghan the world's most trolled person?
10. Whose accounts did social media companies suspend?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

- 1) What was the Duke of Sussex formerly known as?
 - a) Prince William
 - b) Prince Harry
 - c) King Harry
 - d) King William
- 2) What do the couple want to focus on?
 - a) their business
 - b) charities
 - c) love
 - d) their new life
- 3) What is the name of the newspaper mentioned in this article?
 - a) the UK Times
 - b) the Times
 - c) the Sunday Times
 - d) the Tuesday Times
- 4) What are the couple sad at seeing online?
 - a) hate
 - b) poverty
 - c) coronavirus
 - d) corruption
- 5) When did the couple step down as members of the royal family?
 - a) two years ago
 - b) last year
 - c) in 2017
 - d) in 2018
- 6) How many followers do the couple have on Instagram?
 - a) 10.4 million
 - b) 104 million
 - c) 14 million
 - d) 140 million
- 7) When was the last time the couple posted content on social media?
 - a) April 2020
 - b) May 2020
 - c) March 2020
 - d) October 2020
- 8) What did Meghan experience that was "almost unsurvivable"?
 - a) online abuse
 - b) a car accident
 - c) an illness
 - d) a computer crash
- 9) When was Meghan the world's most trolled person?
 - a) 2016
 - b) 2017
 - c) 2018
 - d) 2019
- 10) Whose accounts did social media companies suspend?
 - a) big companies
 - b) many children
 - c) Donald Trump
 - d) doctors

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

Role A – Twitter

You think Twitter is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Facebook, YouTube or LinkedIn.

Role B – Facebook

You think Facebook is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Twitter, YouTube or LinkedIn.

Role C – YouTube

You think YouTube is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn.

Role D – LinkedIn

You think LinkedIn is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Facebook, YouTube or Twitter.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'social' and 'media'.

social	media

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• abandoned• focus• wrote• lives• both• since	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• followers• source• unlikely• subject• most• spotlight
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SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

Write five GOOD questions about social media in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

SOCIAL MEDIA DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'social'?
3. What do you think of social media?
4. How important is social media to you?
5. What are the good things about social media?
6. What do you know about Meghan and Harry?
7. What hate do you see on social media?
8. What is the best social media platform?
9. What do you think of Meghan and Harry abandoning social media?
10. What advice do you have for Meghan and Harry?

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SOCIAL MEDIA DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'media'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the bad things about social media?
15. How can we reduce online abuse and cyberbullying?
16. What should happen to Internet trolls?
17. What do you think of Twitter suspending Donald Trump's account?
18. What advice do you have for Donald Trump?
19. What would life be like without social media?
20. What questions would you like to ask Meghan and Harry?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) having | (b) have | (c) haves | (d) has |
| 2. | (a) as | (b) to | (c) of | (d) by |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) to | (d) on |
| 4. | (a) plants | (b) plans | (c) planes | (d) planners |
| 5. | (a) tiresome | (b) tired | (c) tiring | (d) tire |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) as | (d) on |
| 7. | (a) pain | (b) gain | (c) main | (d) vain |
| 8. | (a) contain | (b) constant | (c) content | (d) constraint |
| 9. | (a) harmer | (b) harming | (c) harmful | (d) harm |
| 10. | (a) into | (b) up to | (c) as to | (d) how to |
| 11. | (a) trolled | (b) toiled | (c) tailed | (d) tilled |
| 12. | (a) suspension | (b) suspender | (c) suspending | (d) suspends |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

Paragraph 1

1. aedonnbad social media
2. oplrreedty said goodbye
3. cofus on their new life
4. the lcpeou have become sad
5. the British loyar family
6. attacked and ciirctdsei them

Paragraph 2

7. A csureo told the "Sunday Times"
8. the ebjtsuc of many attacks
9. online basue
10. the most dtoelrl person in the world
11. companies are in the ihttlopsg
12. dsngesnipu the accounts

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Harry and Meghans' main social media account was @sussexroyal on Instagram. They have 10.4 million
- (**1**) Reporters are saying the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have abandoned social media. The Duke
- () then, many people have attacked and criticised them on their Instagram account.
- () that she was the most trolled person in the world in 2019. This news comes as social media
- () followers on this account but have not posted any new content since March 2020. A source told the "Sunday Times" that the couple
- () wrote that the couple have no plans to use social media for their non-profit organisation or for their personal
- () accounts. They want to focus on their new life together in the USA. The "Sunday Times" newspaper in the UK
- () companies are in the spotlight for suspending the accounts of US President Donald Trump.
- () can do. She was the subject of many attacks after she married into Britain's royal
- () were "very unlikely" to use social media again. Meghan has spoken out about the harm social media
- () family. She said she experienced "almost unsurvivable" online abuse and cyberbullying. She added
- () (formerly Prince Harry) and his wife Meghan have reportedly said goodbye to their social media
- () online. They both decided to step down as active members of the British royal family last year. Since
- () lives. The newspaper said the couple have become sad and tired of all the "hate" they see

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

1. want focus life . They new on to their
2. use social media couple no plans have The. to
3. couple said newspaper the become The have sad .
4. members . decided They as down step active to
5. many Since attacked people have then, them .
6. followers this on have They account . million 10.4
7. can out the about Spoken harm do . social media
8. She of many attacks . the subject was
9. said online she almost experienced abuse . She unsurvivable
10. the accounts . In the for spotlight suspending

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

Reporters are *said* / *saying* the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have abandoned social media. The Duke (formerly Prince Harry) and his wife Meghan have *reported* / *reportedly* said goodbye to their social media accounts. They want to focus *in* / *on* their new life together in the USA. The "Sunday Times" newspaper *in* / *on* the UK wrote that the couple have no plans to *use* / *used* social media for their non-profit organisation or for their *personal* / *personality* lives. The newspaper said the couple have become *sadly* / *sad* and tired of all the "hate" they see online. They both decided *for* / *to* step down as active *members* / *member* of the British royal family last year. Since then, many people have attacked and criticised *them* / *they* on their Instagram account.

Harry and Meghans' *mainly* / *main* social media account was @sussexroyal on Instagram. They have 10.4 million followers *to* / *on* this account but have not posted any new *content* / *index* since March 2020. A *source* / *sauce* told the "Sunday Times" that the couple were "very unlikely" to use social media again. Meghan has *speaking* / *spoken* out about the harm social media can do. She was the *subject* / *subjective* of many attacks after she married *onto* / *into* Britain's royal family. She said she experienced "almost unsurvivable" online *abuse* / *abusive* and cyberbullying. She added that she was the most *toiled* / *trolled* person in the world in 2019. This news comes *was* / *as* social media companies are in the spotlight for suspending the accounts of US President Donald Trump.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

reporters are saying the duke and duchess of sussex have abandoned social media the duke formerly prince harry and his wife meghan have reportedly said goodbye to their social media accounts they want to focus on their new life together in the usa the sunday times newspaper in the uk wrote that the couple have no plans to use social media for their nonprofit organisation or for their personal lives the newspaper said the couple have become sad and tired of all the hate they see online they both decided to step down as active members of the british royal family last year since then many people have attacked and criticised them on their instagram account

harry and meghans main social media account was sussexroyal on instagram they have 104 million followers on this account but have not posted any new content since march 2020 a source told the sunday times that the couple were very unlikely to use social media again meghan has spoken out about the harm social media can do she was the subject of many attacks after she married into britains royal family she said she experienced almost unsurvivable online abuse and cyberbullying she added that she was the most trolled person in the world in 2019 this news comes as social media companies are in the spotlight for suspending the accounts of us president donald trump

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Reporters are saying the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have abandoned social media. The Duke (formerly Prince Harry) and his wife Meghan have reportedly said goodbyeto their social media accounts. They want to focus on their new life together in the USA. The "Sunday Times" newspaper in the UK wrote that the couple have no plan to use social media for their non-profit organisation or for their personal lives. The newspaper said the couple have become sad and tired of all the "hate" they see online. They both decided to step down as active members of the British royal family last year. Since then, many people have attacked and criticised them on their Instagram account. Harry and Meghan's main social media account was @sussexroyal on Instagram. They have 10.4 million followers on this account but have not posted any new contents since March 2020. A source told the "Sunday Times" that the couple were "very unlikely" to use social media again. Meghan has spoken out about the harm social media can do. She was the subject of many attacks after she married into Britain's royal family. She said she experienced "almost unsurvivable" online abuse and cyberbullying. She added that she was the most controlled person in the world in 2019. This news comes as social media companies are in the spotlight for suspending the accounts of US President Donald Trump.

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

Write about **social media** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210112-harry-and-meghan.html>

Social media is a good thing and not a bad thing. Discuss.

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 out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SOCIAL MEDIA: Make a poster about social media. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TROLLING: Write a magazine article about online trolling being a crime for which you can go to prison. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on social media. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can make it better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c F d T e F f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. d	3. j	4. f	5. b
6. a	7. e	8. g	9. c	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Prince Harry
2. Their new life
3. The Sunday Times
4. Hate
5. Last year
6. 10.4 million
7. March 2020
8. Online abuse
9. 2019
10. Donald Trump

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. They want to focus on their new life.
2. The couple have no plans to use social media.
3. The newspaper said the couple have become sad.
4. They decided to step down as active members.
5. Since then, many people have attacked them.
6. They have 10.4 million followers on this account.
7. Spoken out about the harm social media can do.
8. She was the subject of many attacks.
9. She said she experienced almost unsurvivable online abuse.
10. In the spotlight for suspending the accounts.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)