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**Level 3 – 25th January 2024**

**YouTuber MrBeast earns \$250,000 from video on X**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

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MrBeast's real name is James Stephen Donaldson. He was born in 1998 in Kansas in the USA. At high school, he developed an interest in working out why videos on YouTube became so popular. He wanted to know why they went viral. He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "There's a five-year point in my life where I was just relentlessly, unhealthily obsessed with studying virality, studying the YouTube algorithm. I woke up, I would Uber Eats food, and then I would sit on my computer all day just studying [stuff] nonstop." MrBeast is now a phenomenally influential and successful businessman, environmentalist, online personality and philanthropist. He has won numerous awards for his videos and charity work.

Sources: <https://mashable.com/article/mrbeast-x-video-revenue-earnings>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/mrbeast-offers-followers-cash-windfall-after-x-video-earns-him-200k-13054344>  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MrBeast>

# WARM-UPS

**1. YOUTUBERS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about YouTubers. 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?

YouTuber / video / X / earnings / views / luxury cars / advertisers / ads / lucky / high school / interest / popular / obsessed / environmentalist / philanthropist / charity

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

**3. INFLUENCER:** Students A **strongly** believe schools should teach students how to be a social media influencer; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SUCCESSFUL:** What do you need to do to be successful in these jobs? How much would you like to be successful in these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What People Need to Do	Me
Business person		
Social media influencer		
Environmentalist		
Philanthropist		
Charity leader		
Burger restaurant owner		

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

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

- YouTube
- X (formerly Twitter)
- Instagram
- WhatsApp
- Facebook
- TikTok
- Instagram
- Telegram

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1. formerly  | a. At the present time.  |
| 2. compare   | b. In the past.  |
| 3. earnings  | c. Money we get in return for working or providing a service.          |
| 4. currently | d. Going up.   |
| 5. views     | e. Very, very comfortable or elegant, especially when it is expensive. |
| 6. rising    | f. Look at or find how two or more things are the same or different.   |
| 7. luxury    | g. The times someone looks at an online video, picture or message.     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 8. developed       | h. Be constantly talking about or doing something.   |
| 9. interest        | i. A person who helps others, especially by giving money.  |
| 10. went viral     | j. Having the ability to change people's minds and behaviour.  |
| 11. obsessed       | k. An image, video, piece of information, etc. that spread quickly and widely on the internet.       |
| 12. algorithm      | l. A set of rules followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations by computer software. |
| 13. influential    | m. Started to experience.  |
| 14. philanthropist | n. An activity or subject which one enjoys doing or studying.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

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

1. MrBeast has the most followers of anyone on YouTube. **T / F**
2. MrBeast's video earned 10 times more on X than on YouTube. **T / F**
3. MrBeast's video has had 157,000,000 views. **T / F**
4. MrBeast is giving the money he got from the video to his followers. **T / F**
5. MrBeast learnt how to be an influencer from the Rolling Stone magazine. **T / F**
6. MrBeast became interested in YouTube's algorithm at high school. **T / F**
7. MrBeast studied every weekend nonstop. **T / F**
8. MrBeast has won awards for the charity work he does. **T / F**

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

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>earned</b>       | a. continuously |
| 2. <b>formerly</b>     | b. increasing   |
| 3. <b>earnings</b>     | c. amazingly    |
| 4. <b>rising</b>       | d. fortunate    |
| 5. <b>lucky</b>        | e. previously   |
| 6. <b>interest</b>     | f. many         |
| 7. <b>relentlessly</b> | g. income       |
| 8. <b>stuff</b>        | h. passion      |
| 9. <b>phenomenally</b> | i. information  |
| 10. <b>numerous</b>    | j. made         |

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

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. X  | a. that platform               |
| 2. He wanted to compare his earnings on     | b. successful businessman      |
| 3. His video currently has around           | c. receive \$20,000            |
| 4. advertisers saw the attention            | d. stuff nonstop               |
| 5. lucky followers will each                | e. (formerly known as Twitter) |
| 6. he developed                             | f. awards for his videos       |
| 7. studying the YouTube                     | g. it was getting              |
| 8. sit on my computer all day just studying | h. algorithm                   |
| 9. a phenomenally influential and           | i. 157 million views           |
| 10. He has won numerous                     | j. an interest                 |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

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*compare*  
*rising*  
*earned*  
*followers*  
*formerly*  
*bought*  
*platform*  
*luxury*

MrBeast's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ name is James Stephen Donaldson. He was born in 1998 in Kansas in the USA. At high school, he (10) \_\_\_\_\_ an interest in working out why videos on YouTube became so popular. He wanted to know why they went (11) \_\_\_\_\_. He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "There's a five-year (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in my life where I was just relentlessly, unhealthily (13) \_\_\_\_\_ with studying virality, studying the YouTube algorithm. I woke up, I would Uber Eats food, and then I would sit on my computer all day just studying (14) \_\_\_\_\_ nonstop." MrBeast is now a phenomenally influential and (15) \_\_\_\_\_ businessman, environmentalist, online personality and philanthropist. He has won numerous awards for his videos and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ work.

*obsessed*  
*viral*  
*successful*  
*real*  
*stuff*  
*developed*  
*charity*  
*point*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

- 1) the most-followed YouTuber, has earned more than \$250,000 from a video he \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. upload it to X
  - b. uploaded too X
  - c. uploaded two X
  - d. uploaded to X
- 2) The popular YouTuber said the video was to test how much money he could \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. make in X
  - b. make on X
  - c. make con X
  - d. may con X
- 3) His video currently has around 157 million views, and that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. numbers rising
  - b. number's rising
  - c. number is raising
  - d. number is rising
- 4) He said advertisers saw the attention it was getting and bought \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ads on it
  - b. ad son it
  - c. ad sonnet
  - d. ads on it
- 5) That means twelve (possibly more) lucky followers will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. each receive \$12,000
  - b. each receives \$20,000
  - c. each received \$12,000
  - d. each receive \$20,000
- 6) MrBeast's real name is James Stephen Donaldson. He was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. boring 1988
  - b. bore in 1998
  - c. bourne in 1998
  - d. born in 1998
- 7) developed an interest in working out why videos on YouTube \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. became soap popular
  - b. became sew popular
  - c. became so popular
  - d. became sow popular
- 8) There's a five-year point in my life where I was just relentlessly, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and healthily obsessed
  - b. non-healthily obsessed
  - c. in healthily obsessed
  - d. unhealthily obsessed
- 9) I would sit on my computer all day just studying \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. staff nonstop
  - b. stiff nonstop
  - c. stuff nonstop
  - d. scruff nonstop
- 10) He has won numerous awards for his videos \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. end chair a tea work
  - b. and charity work
  - c. and charity works
  - d. and chair a tea work

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

1. What did MrBeast want to compare on X and YouTube?
2. How many views has MrBeast's video had?
3. Who bought ads on MrBeast's video?
4. How many followers does MrBeast have on X?
5. How much will MrBeast give to twelve (or more) of his followers?
6. When was MrBeast born?
7. At high school, what did MrBeast want to know about YouTube videos?
8. What was it about YouTube that MrBeast studied?
9. What kind of personality does the article describe MrBeast as being?
10. What has MrBeast won awards for besides his videos?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

- 1) What did MrBeast want to compare on X and YouTube?
  - a) video times
  - b) his earnings
  - c) followers
  - d) video types
- 2) How many views has MrBeast's video had?
  - a) 517 million
  - b) 175 million
  - c) 187 million
  - d) 157 million
- 3) Who bought ads on MrBeast's video?
  - a) advertisers
  - b) YouTube
  - c) Rolling Stone
  - d) his followers
- 4) How many followers does MrBeast have on X?
  - a) 26.4 million
  - b) 26.5 million
  - c) 26.6 million
  - d) 26.8 million
- 5) How much will MrBeast give to twelve (or more) of his followers?
  - a) \$12,000 each
  - b) \$20,000 each
  - c) \$30,000 each
  - d) \$80,000 each
- 6) When was MrBeast born?
  - a) 1998
  - b) 1999
  - c) 2000
  - d) 2001
- 7) At high school, what did MrBeast want to know about YouTube videos?
  - a) how many there were
  - b) their history
  - c) why they went viral
  - d) who followed them
- 8) What was it about YouTube that MrBeast studied?
  - a) its algorithm
  - b) its logo
  - c) its business model
  - d) its coding
- 9) What kind of personality does the article describe MrBeast as being?
  - a) an online personality
  - b) an electric personality
  - c) a dynamite personality
  - d) a sparkling personality
- 10) What has MrBeast won awards for besides his videos?
  - a) his cooking
  - b) his artwork
  - c) athletics
  - d) his charity work

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

## **Role A – 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 useful and interesting of these (and why): X, Facebook or TikTok.

## **Role B – X**

You think X 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 useful and interesting of these (and why): YouTube, Facebook or TikTok.

## **Role C – 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 useful and interesting of these (and why): X, YouTube or TikTok.

## **Role D – TikTok**

You think TikTok 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 useful and interesting of these (and why): X, Facebook or YouTube.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

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

<b>money</b>	<b>video</b>
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- 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"><li>• earned</li><li>• test</li><li>• compare</li><li>• currently</li><li>• attention</li><li>• twelve</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• school</li><li>• viral</li><li>• life</li><li>• food</li><li>• phenomenally</li><li>• won</li></ul>
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# YOUTUBERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

Write five GOOD questions about YouTubers 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.

# YOUTUBERS 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 'YouTuber'?
3. What do you think of YouTube?
4. What do you think of social media influencers?
5. What do you know about MrBeast?
6. What do you think of the social media platform X?
7. What kinds of videos do you look at online?
8. What are your favourite YouTube channels?
9. What do you think of MrBeast for giving money to his followers?
10. What advice do you have for MrBeast?

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# YOUTUBERS 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 'video'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you like to be an influencer?
15. What do you know about algorithms?
16. What do you think of Uber Eats (or other food delivery services)?
17. How often do you sit at your computer all day?
18. How important is it for people to be philanthropists?
19. Would you like to help MrBeast with his charity work?
20. What questions would you like to ask MrBeast?

# 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) follows   | (b) followed  | (c) follow      | (d) following    |
| 2.  | (a) knowing   | (b) knower    | (c) knows       | (d) known        |
| 3.  | (a) earns     | (b) earnings  | (c) earn        | (d) earned       |
| 4.  | (a) currency  | (b) currants  | (c) currently   | (d) correctly    |
| 5.  | (a) compares  | (b) comparing | (c) comparisons | (d) comparatives |
| 6.  | (a) each      | (b) every     | (c) both        | (d) whole        |
| 7.  | (a) at        | (b) of        | (c) to          | (d) in           |
| 8.  | (a) viral     | (b) rebel     | (c) revel       | (d) rival        |
| 9.  | (a) at        | (b) with      | (c) on          | (d) to           |
| 10. | (a) entire    | (b) whole     | (c) all         | (d) throughout   |
| 11. | (a) influence | (b) influenza | (c) influential | (d) influencer   |
| 12. | (a) numeral   | (b) numerous  | (c) number      | (d) numerate     |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. frlmorey known as Twitter
2. He wanted to orpaemc
3. his rasnengi on that platform
4. His video lycnrrteu has around 157 million views
5. the tietantno it was getting
6. followers will each iverece \$20,000

## Paragraph 2

7. He wanted to know why they went iarvl
8. desbosse with studying
9. aefilnutlin and successful businessman
10. online eirnstoapyI and philanthropist
11. He has won ueumrons awards
12. ryacith work

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) make on X. He wanted to compare his earnings on that platform to what his videos make on YouTube. His video currently
- ( ) viral. He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "There's a five-year point in my
- ( ) has around 157 million views, and that number is rising. The video is called "\$1 Car vs \$100,000,000 Car". It compares
- ( ) nonstop." MrBeast is now a phenomenally influential and successful businessman, environmentalist,
- ( ) life where I was just relentlessly, unhealthily obsessed with studying virality, studying the YouTube
- ( ) MrBeast's real name is James Stephen Donaldson. He was born in 1998 in Kansas in the USA. At high school, he developed
- ( **1** ) MrBeast, the most-followed YouTuber, has earned more than \$250,000 from a video he uploaded
- ( ) to X (formerly known as Twitter). The popular YouTuber said the video was to test how much money he could
- ( ) an interest in working out why videos on YouTube became so popular. He wanted to know why they went
- ( ) luxury cars. He said advertisers saw the attention it was getting and bought
- ( ) algorithm. I woke up, I would Uber Eats food, and then I would sit on my computer all day just studying [stuff]
- ( ) online personality and philanthropist. He has won numerous awards for his videos and charity work.
- ( ) ads on it. MrBeast told his 26.6 million followers on X that he would give
- ( ) the \$250,000 away. That means twelve (possibly more) lucky followers will each receive \$20,000.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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2. earnings wanted to that compare He platform . on
3. currently views . His million video 157 has around
4. saw Advertisers the was it getting . attention
5. X . followers told 26.6 million his MrBeast on
6. out interest an in working why . He developed
7. to went viral . they He wanted know why
8. virality . unhealthily studying obsessed just was I with
9. on would I all day . my computer sit
10. won for numerous He videos . has his awards

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240125-youtuber-mrbeast.html>

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MrBeast's real name is James Stephen Donaldson. He was *birth / born* in 1998 in Kansas in the USA. At high school, he *developed / develop* an interest in working *out / in* why videos on YouTube became so popular. He wanted to know why they went *rival / viral*. He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "There's a five-year point *in / on* my life where I was just relentlessly, unhealthily obsessed *as / with* studying virality, studying the YouTube algorithm. I woke up, I would Uber Eats food, and then I *should / would* sit on my computer all day just studying *staff / stuff* nonstop." MrBeast is now a phenomenally *influential / influencer* and successful businessman, environmentalist, online personality and philanthropist. He has won *number / numerous* awards for his videos and charity work.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

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

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MrB\_\_st, th\_ m\_st-f\_ll\_w\_d Y\_\_T\_b\_r, h\_s \_\_rn\_d m\_r\_ th\_n \$250,000 fr\_m \_ v\_d\_\_ h\_ \_pl\_\_d\_d t\_ X (f\_rm\_rly kn\_wn \_s Tw\_tt\_r). Th\_ p\_p\_l\_r Y\_\_T\_b\_r s\_\_d th\_ v\_d\_\_ w\_s t\_ t\_st h\_w m\_ch m\_n\_y h\_ c\_\_ld m\_k\_ \_n X. H\_ w\_nt\_d t\_ c\_mpr\_ h\_s \_\_rnngs \_n th\_t pl\_tf\_rm t\_ wh\_t h\_s v\_d\_\_s m\_k\_ \_n Y\_\_T\_b\_. H\_s v\_d\_\_ c\_rr\_ntly h\_s \_r\_\_nd 157 m\_ll\_\_n v\_\_ws, \_nd th\_t n\_mb\_r\_s r\_s\_ng. Th\_ v\_d\_\_ \_s c\_ll\_d "\$1 C\_r vs \$100,000,000 C\_r". \_t c\_mpr\_s l\_x\_ry c\_rs. H\_s\_\_d \_dv\_rt\_s\_rs s\_w th\_ \_tt\_nt\_\_n \_t w\_s g\_tt\_ng \_nd b\_\_ght \_ds \_n \_t. MrB\_\_st t\_ld h\_s 26.6 m\_ll\_\_n f\_ll\_w\_rs \_n X th\_t h\_ w\_\_ld g\_v\_ th\_ \$250,000 \_w\_y. Th\_t m\_\_ns tw\_lv\_ (p\_ss\_bly m\_r\_) l\_cky f\_ll\_w\_rs w\_ll \_\_ch r\_c\_\_v\_ \$20,000.

MrB\_\_st's r\_\_l n\_m\_ \_s J\_m\_s St\_ph\_n D\_n\_lds\_n. H\_ w\_s b\_rn \_n 1998 \_n K\_n\_s\_s \_n th\_ \_S\_. \_t h\_gh sch\_\_l, h\_ d\_v\_l\_p\_d \_n \_nt\_r\_st \_n w\_rk\_ng \_\_t why v\_d\_\_s \_n Y\_\_T\_b\_ b\_c\_m\_ s\_ p\_p\_l\_r. H\_ w\_nt\_d t\_ kn\_w why th\_y w\_nt v\_r\_l. H\_ t\_ld th\_ R\_llng St\_n\_ m\_g\_z\_n: "Th\_r\_'s \_ f\_v\_-y\_\_r p\_\_nt \_n my l\_f\_ wh\_r\_ \_ w\_s j\_st r\_l\_ntl\_ssl\_y, \_nh\_\_lth\_ly \_bs\_ss\_d w\_th st\_dy\_ng v\_r\_l\_ty, st\_dy\_ng th\_ Y\_\_T\_b\_ \_lg\_r\_thm. \_ w\_k\_ \_p, \_ w\_\_ld \_b\_r \_\_ts f\_\_d, \_nd th\_n \_ w\_\_ld s\_t \_n my c\_mpr\_t\_r \_ll d\_y j\_st st\_dy\_ng [st\_ff] n\_nst\_p." MrB\_\_st \_s n\_w \_ ph\_n\_m\_n\_lly \_nfl\_\_nt\_\_l \_nd s\_cc\_ssf\_l b\_s\_n\_ssm\_n, \_nv\_r\_nm\_nt\_l\_st, \_nl\_n\_ p\_rs\_n\_l\_ty \_nd ph\_l\_nthr\_p\_st. H\_ h\_s w\_n n\_m\_r\_\_s \_w\_rds f\_r h\_s v\_d\_\_s \_nd ch\_r\_ty w\_rk.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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. YOUTUBERS:** Make a poster about YouTubers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. INFLUENCER:** Write a magazine article about schools giving lessons on how to be an influencer on YouTube and other social media platforms. 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 YouTubers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on influencers. 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. f    3. c    4. a    5. g    6. d    7. e  
8. m    9. n    10. k    11. h    12. l    13. j    14. i

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T    2 F    3 T    4 T    5 F    6 T    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. His earnings
2. 157 million
3. Advertisers
4. 26.6 million
5. \$250,000 (\$20,000 each)
6. 1998
7. Why they went viral
8. Its algorithm
9. An online personality
10. His charity work

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Test how much money he could make.
2. He wanted to compare earnings on that platform.
3. His video currently has around 157 million views.
4. Advertisers saw the attention it was getting.
5. MrBeast told his 26.6 million followers on X.
6. He developed an interest in working out why.
7. He wanted to know why they went viral.
8. I was just unhealthily obsessed with studying virality.
9. I would sit on my computer all day.
10. He has won numerous awards for his videos.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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