How Cancel Culture works

- (Sup?) bro. What are you up to?
- Um, nothing much. Just _____ ___ old videos and old tweets on celebrities trying to get them canceled.
- Canceled?
- Yeah um. It's when you **jeopardize the livelihood and reputation of someone** based on something they did in the past.
- Oh…why?
- I'm a part of the most toxic _____ on the internet. It's what we do.
- Okay
- Yep. We have to hold people accountable for what they've _____ in the past, _____ of who they are today. We don't judge people _____ on who they are now. We judge them on who they were.
- Hmm I see
- Honestly, to cancel someone, it doesn't even have to be something they did in the past. It could be _____ they did today, or something we think that they might do tomorrow. [###] nowadays, we cancel people for no reason. You can do absolutely nothing, we'll cancel you. The most _____ way to cancel someone is to **create our own narrative** and _____ a subgroup against that celebrity.
- What do you mean?
- Okay like Jay Cole, for instance. He said in a recent song "it's something about this Queen's tone that's _____ me". We took that line, _____ it and we created the narrative that says Jay Cole is telling black women to watch their tone, telling them to shut the [###] up and sit down. Now Jay Cole is a misogynist that _____ black women.
- Is that what he meant? Was that the intent?
- Probably not. But that's the thing with cancel culture. We create our own narratives. We don't follow logic or _____. We **follow the herd**.
-Oh…so so what do y'all **get out of all this**?
-I dunno. But sometimes, we bully people until _____, just to say that their apology isn't sincere. It's [###] great.

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TASKS

1. Listen to the video and complete the missing words.

2. In your own words, explain what the phrases in bold mean.

jeopardize the livelihood and reputation of someone

create our own narrative

follow the herd

get out of all this

3. Find in the text synonyms for the following words.

Harmful

Motive

New

Purpose

Honest

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