

reading

Read the article about online newspapers. Six sentences are missing from the article. Choose from the sentences A–F the one which fits each gap.

News online

For many people, buying and reading a newspaper is part of their daily routine. They enjoy spending time searching the pages for interesting political stories, laughing at cartoons, catching up with the latest sports results and reading about celebrity scandals. They take their newspapers into work, on the bus or into a café, and reading it over breakfast is a tradition for many people. (1) Or is it?

There has been a news revolution going on over the last few years. (2) Some newspapers started putting their reports online and now nearly all the major newspapers have online versions. We can access most of these free of charge from laptops, mobile phones and other hand-held devices. (3)

However, the popularity of online news is being tested. Because news is now so widely available online, newspapers are losing money. Fewer people are buying newspapers so companies have to spend more to maintain their websites. And because Internet news contains videos and graphics, the costs are even higher. (4)

The newspapers have a difficult choice to make. Will people continue to visit their sites if they have to pay? Will they visit another newspaper's site which is still free? (5)

..... Experts do not agree on what is going to happen. (6)

Others, however, have said that this step is inevitable and soon we shall have to pay more for information that we find online. We'll have to wait to see what happens.

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| A Many say that the idea of the Internet is to allow people to have free information and they will not agree to pay for it. | D Unsurprisingly some of the big papers have started charging people to read their newspapers online. |
| B Will they start buying newspapers again? | E People started turning to the Internet to provide them with a daily news report. |
| C So why should we pay for newspapers anymore? | F The newspaper is part of our culture. |

9 Read the article again and choose the best answers, A, B or C.

- 1 What is the aim of this article?
 - A** to discuss what people like reading in the morning
 - B** to discuss the future of newspapers
 - C** to explain the history of newspapers
- 2 What has changed in the last few years?
 - A** Newspapers have become available on the Internet.
 - B** Newspapers started writing reports about the Internet.
 - C** People have now got laptops and mobile phones.
- 3 How much does it cost to access online newspapers?
 - A** They're all free of charge.
 - B** Many of them cost nothing.
 - C** They all charge a small amount.
- 4 What problem are newspapers facing?
 - A** They have to pass a test before they go online.
 - B** It's difficult to include videos and graphics.
 - C** They aren't making any money from online news.
- 5 Why do some people think online newspapers should be free?
 - A** because the Internet is supposed to be free
 - B** because it's difficult to access them
 - C** because all newspapers should be free
- 6 What does the writer think about the future of online newspapers?
 - A** Newspapers will have to be free.
 - B** No one knows what the future will be.
 - C** People won't continue to read the news.