

Vocabulary activity

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| 1. executive | a. hold on |
| 2. harm | b. unhappy |
| 3. increasing | c. face |
| 4. wait | d. untruths |
| 5. sad | e. damage |
| 6. experience | f. appreciate |
| 7. value | g. boss |
| 8. lies | h. hugely |
| 9. break | i. growing |
| 10. overwhelmingly | j. rest |



Listen to the recording of the passage and then answer the following questions based on the overall content.



1. Who is Chamath Palihapitiya and what role did he have at Facebook?
2. According to Palihapitiya, how has social media affected society?
3. What does Palihapitiya suggest people should do regarding social media?



Why might Chamath Palihapitiya feel guilty about his role at Facebook?

- A) Because he believes Facebook is not profitable.
- B) Because he feels responsible for the negative impact of social media on society.
- C) Because he did not have enough influence at the company.
- D) Because he was not promoted quickly enough.

What does Palihapitiya suggest people should do to combat the negative effects of social media?

- A) Increase their use of social media to stay informed.
- B) Take a long break from social media to experience real life.
- C) Post more frequently to engage with others.
- D) Ignore online interactions and focus solely on work.

According to Palihapitiya, how has social media changed people's behavior?

- A) People have become more interested in outdoor activities.
- B) People are more concerned about their online appearance than real-life interactions.
- C) People no longer care about their appearance.
- D) People have stopped using technology altogether.

What does Palihapitiya imply about the role of fake news on social media?

- A) It helps spread accurate information more quickly.
- B) It contributes to a more informed public.
- C) It makes it easier to spread lies and deceive people.
- D) It has no significant impact on how people view the world.

Why does Palihapitiya consider social media to be a global problem?

- A) Because it affects only a small number of people.
- B) Because it influences people's behavior and spreads misinformation worldwide.
- C) Because it is a new technology with no significant impact.
- D) Because it only affects users in specific regions.

What does Palihapitiya's statement about Facebook doing "good in the world" suggest?

- A) He believes that Facebook's positive aspects outweigh the negatives.
- B) He thinks Facebook is solely responsible for the harm caused by social media.
- C) He feels Facebook should be shut down completely.
- D) He is indifferent about Facebook's impact

Read some of the main issues people could be exposed to on social platforms, rank them from 1 to 5 (being 1 something people can deal with easily to 5 something more serious) .

Privacy and Data Security:

- **Impact:** This can lead to identity theft, targeted harassment, and a loss of trust in the platform.

Misinformation and Disinformation:

- **Impact:** This can influence public opinion, affect elections, and contribute to public health crises.

Mental Health Effects:

- **Impact:** The constant exposure to curated content and social comparison can lead to lower self-esteem and increased stress.

Harassment and Cyberbullying:

- **Impact:** This can lead to emotional distress, psychological harm, and in severe cases, suicidal thoughts.

Echo Chambers and Polarization:

- **Impact:** Social media algorithms often create echo chambers by showing users content that aligns with their existing beliefs. This can lead to societal divisions and hinder constructive dialogue.

Addiction and Time Management:

- **Impact:** This can affect productivity, relationships, and overall well-being.

Content Moderation Challenges:

- **Impact:** Ineffective moderation can allow harmful content to proliferate, while overly strict policies may censor legitimate expression.

What are the main problems on social media platforms?

- ☐ In my eyes....
- ☐ Some people say that...
- ☐ It is generally accepted that....
- ☐ My impression is that....
- ☐ I hold the view that....