CHROME EXTENSION

Summary: Learn English vocabulary through news articles

Strengths:

- Look up certain words instantly while reading articles. Words that can be looked up are underlined.
- The More option in the instant word look up leads to a dictionary website. There is more information there.
- Tutorial.

Features that can be improved:

- Not all the words can be looked up instantly. I don't know what the criteria are for a word to be selected, but most of the time only common words (eg: one, actor, view, general, should) are underlined.
- Does not recognize phrases like 'at all' (only underline 'all' so user can only look up 'all')
- There is an option to replace the underlined English words with the Chinese translation, so readers would read the article with Chinese words appear occasionally in a sentence. However, I don't think that it is a good idea → I think users should get used to reading all English and if they must resort to translation, they can click on the word to get to Chinese meaning.
- This extension is only available on CNN, BBC, China Daily.
- I currently cannot test the MCQ because it won't appear.

Proposed features:

- Look up any word instantly on any site.

APP

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Strengths:

- Automatically pulled articles from bbc.co.uk → acts as a news feed.
- Offers several search options for users to understand a word: Definition on Google, Google Search, Google Translate, Wikipedia, Youtube.
    - Definition on Google: users can see the word, pronunciation guide, definition in English, examples.
    - Google Search returns Google Search results.
    - Google Translate returns Google Translate results

Features that can be improved:

- I don't understand how this is supposed to work. The only features that are available and working are listed in the Strengths section above.
- When I tap on Settings, it says "No settings available".
- When I tap on Learning History, I can see Words to Learn and Words Learnt followed by a strange number: b38fb1ebd0c0236d.
- The search button cannot be seen because it has the same white color as the background.
- Youtube search is not really helpful because search results are often remotely relevant to the word.

Proposed features:

- Users should have the option to save words after looking up a word so that they can review later.
- Looking up words should be available when browsing the web on a browser. It currently works inside the app only.
- Tutorials (I don't understand how the app works)