

# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## 6 Minute English worksheet

### Is social media dead?



Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/49tUrmk>

- 1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**
- 2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**
  - What do the presenters say the episode is about?
  - What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?
- 3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**
  - Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.
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**4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?**

**5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.**

1. Name one of the first online social media platforms.
  - a) MyFace
  - b) MySpace
  - c) MyFriends
  
2. What is 'something which is new and unusual and therefore exciting'?
  - a) a novel
  - b) navel
  - c) novelty
  
3. Which word is used in this programme to mean a large and powerful company or organisation?
  - a) behemoth
  - b) mammoth
  - c) leviathan
  
4. When did social media activity reach its peak?
  - a) 2018
  - b) 2022
  - c) it hasn't peaked yet
  
5. "This political scandal made me realise the government cannot be trusted at all. It \_\_\_\_."
  - a) shattered my nightmares
  - b) shattered my illustrations
  - c) shattered my illusions
  
6. What does it mean to 'gravitate towards' something?
  - a) be naturally attracted to it
  - b) be naturally repelled by it
  - c) move around it in circles

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#### 6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.


#### 7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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#### Answers

3.

- a. oh man! – (informal) spoken exclamation used to show excitement or enthusiasm
- b. shatter an illusion – destroy someone's false belief or misconception, causing them to realise the unpleasant truth
- c. cultural happening – event that embodies the interests and values of a particular cultural group at a particular time in history
- d. behemoth – extremely large and powerful company or organisation
- e. novelty – something which is new and unusual and therefore exciting
- f. gravitate towards (something or someone) – be naturally drawn or attracted to something or someone

5. 1b, 2c, 3a, 4b, 5c, 6a

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#### Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet and adapt it as necessary.

#### Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.