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## YouTube celebrates fifth birthday

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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YouTube celebrated its fifth birthday on April 23rd. The video upload site is now one of the biggest websites on the Internet. The first video ever uploaded on it was a 19-second film taken at San Diego zoo. YouTube was founded by three men from their office above a California restaurant. They sold their company to Google eighteen months later for \$1.65 billion. Today, there is over 1,700 years of video on the site. More than one billion videos are streamed every day. It is sure to get bigger and more popular.

YouTube is one of the Internet's biggest successes. Everyone knows and uses it. The website is now a part of our life. We all like to search for music or sport videos, or clips from our favourite comedy shows. Many people e-mail the web address of funny YouTube clips to their friends. Not everything about YouTube is good though. There are many videos on it that are illegal. People upload stuff that tells lies about others or stuff that teaches you how to do criminal things. YouTube is also useful for learning English.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100424-youtube.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. one of the biggest websites on    | a. 18 months later   |
| 2. The first video                   | b. by three men      |
| 3. YouTube was founded               | c. video on the site |
| 4. They sold their company to Google | d. the Internet      |
| 5. there is over 1,700 years of      | e. and more popular  |
| 6. It is sure to get bigger          | f. ever uploaded     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. YouTube is one of the Internet's | a. funny YouTube clips |
| 2. The website is now a             | b. biggest successes   |
| 3. e-mail the web address of        | c. that tells lies     |
| 4. Not everything about             | d. part of our life.   |
| 5. People upload stuff              | e. learning English    |
| 6. YouTube is also useful for       | f. YouTube is good     |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100424-youtube.html>

YouTube celebrated \_\_\_\_\_ April 23rd. The video upload site is now one of the biggest websites on the Internet. The first video \_\_\_\_\_ was a 19-second film taken at San Diego zoo. YouTube was founded by three \_\_\_\_\_ above a California restaurant. They sold their company to Google eighteen months later for \$1.65 billion. Today, there is over \_\_\_\_\_ on the site. More than one billion videos \_\_\_\_\_ day. \_\_\_\_\_ bigger and more popular.

YouTube is one of the Internet's biggest successes. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_. The website is now a part of our life. We all like to search for music or sport videos, \_\_\_\_\_ favourite comedy shows. Many people e-mail the web address of funny YouTube \_\_\_\_\_. Not everything about YouTube is good though. There are many videos \_\_\_\_\_ illegal. People upload \_\_\_\_\_ about others or stuff that \_\_\_\_\_ do criminal things. YouTube is also useful for learning English.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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YouTube celebrated its fifth birthday on April 23rd. The video (1) \_\_\_\_\_ site is now one of the biggest websites on the Internet. The first video ever uploaded on it was a 19-second film (2) \_\_\_\_\_ at San Diego zoo. YouTube was founded by three men from their office (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a California restaurant. They sold their company to Google eighteen months (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for \$1.65 billion. Today, there is over 1,700 years of video on the site. More than one billion videos are streamed every day. It is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to get bigger and more popular.

YouTube is one of the Internet's biggest successes. Everyone knows and uses it. The website is now a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of our life. We all like to search for music or sport videos, or (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from our favourite comedy shows. Many people e-mail the web address of funny YouTube clips to their friends. Not everything about YouTube is good (8) \_\_\_\_\_. There are many videos on it that are illegal. People upload (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that tells lies about others or stuff that teaches you how to do criminal things. YouTube is also useful for (10) \_\_\_\_\_ English.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |              |             |              |
|-----|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) upload   | (b) uploads | (c) uploaded |
| 2.  | (a) took     | (b) taking  | (c) taken    |
| 3.  | (a) up       | (b) above   | (c) higher   |
| 4.  | (a) next     | (b) then    | (c) later    |
| 5.  | (a) sure     | (b) shore   | (c)          |
| 6.  | (a) partly   | (b) part    | (c) parted   |
| 7.  | (a) flips    | (b) slips   | (c) clips    |
| 8.  | (a) thought  | (b) though  | (c) through  |
| 9.  | (a) stuff    | (b) stiff   | (c) staff    |
| 10. | (a) learning | (b) learner | (c) learn    |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

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2. a 19-edocsn film
3. from their ceioff
4. eighteen hntoms later
5. one ibnlilo videos
6. more praulop

## Paragraph 2

7. biggest csuscse
8. We all like to rcehas
9. web ssdear
10. funny YouTube psicl
11. stuff that tells isle
12. do mnacrlii things

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100424-youtube.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) eighteen months later for \$1.65 billion. Today, there is over 1,700 years of video on the
- ( ) YouTube is one of the Internet's biggest successes. Everyone knows and uses it. The website is now a part
- ( **1** ) YouTube celebrated its fifth birthday on April 23rd. The video upload site is now one of the biggest websites
- ( ) on the Internet. The first video ever uploaded on it was a 19-second film taken at San Diego zoo. YouTube was
- ( ) shows. Many people e-mail the web address of funny YouTube clips to their friends. Not everything
- ( ) founded by three men from their office above a California restaurant. They sold their company to Google
- ( ) of our life. We all like to search for music or sport videos, or clips from our favourite comedy
- ( ) about YouTube is good though. There are many videos on it that are illegal. People upload stuff that tells
- ( ) lies about others or stuff that teaches you how to do criminal things. YouTube is also useful for learning English.
- ( ) site. More than one billion videos are streamed every day. It is sure to get bigger and more popular.

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. of the the Internet biggest websites One on.

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2. was by men YouTube founded three.

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3. their Google later sold to months They company 18.

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4. the of is site video 1,700 over on years There.

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5. sure get is to bigger It.

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6. the YouTube Internet's is biggest one successes of.

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7. part life website a our The now of is.

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8. web funny the of clips E-mail address YouTube

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9. that many it illegal are on are There videos.

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10. English learning for useful also is YouTube.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100424-youtube.html>

**Write about YouTube for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.**

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. YOUTUBE:** Search the Internet and find more information about YouTube. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about YouTube's fifth birthday. Include imaginary an interview with YouTube's CEO and a YouTube fan. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to YouTube's CEO. Ask him/her three questions about YouTube. Give him/her three of your opinions on YouTube. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.