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Facebook app for “If I Die” message

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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“There’s an app for that.” This is what people joke about if there is something missing in life. Facebook, Apple and Android apps let us do a million and one useful things. Now we can leave a message to the world that is posted on Facebook after you die. The developers of the “If I Die” app created it after some close friends nearly died in a traffic accident. They had a conversation about how cool it would be to leave family and friends a note or some photos or images after you pass away.

Your friends help you post the message online after you die. App users must choose three Facebook “trustees” who have to confirm that you are no more. Once the three have done this, your message, photos and videos will upload onto Facebook. There are mixed feelings on social media sites about the app. Georgie Ansari from London said: “What a great idea. Death is usually so sudden and few of us get a chance to say the things we want.” However, Paolo Cesar from Brazil wrote the idea was “very dark”.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. There's an app | a. accident |
| 2. there is something | b. away |
| 3. a million and one | c. missing in life |
| 4. traffic | d. useful things |
| 5. how | e. for that |
| 6. after you pass | f. cool |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. post the message | a. feelings |
| 2. confirm that you are | b. so sudden |
| 3. mixed | c. no more |
| 4. social media | d. online |
| 5. Death is usually | e. things we want |
| 6. get a chance to say the | f. sites |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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“There’s an app for that.” This is _____ if there is something missing in life. Facebook, Apple and Android apps let us do _____ useful things. Now we can leave a message to the world that is posted on Facebook after you die. The developers of the “If I Die” app created it _____ friends nearly died _____. They had a conversation about how _____ to leave family and friends a note or some photos or images _____.

Your friends help you _____ online after you die. App users _____ Facebook “trustees” who have to confirm that you are no more. Once the three have done this, your message, photos and videos _____ Facebook. There _____ on social media sites about the app. Georgie Ansari from London said: “What a great idea. Death is _____ and few of us get a chance to _____ want.” However, Paolo Cesar from Brazil wrote the idea was “very dark”.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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"There's an app for (1) ____." This is what people joke about if there is something missing (2) ____ life. Facebook, Apple and Android apps let us do a million and (3) ____ useful things. Now we can leave a message to the world that is posted on Facebook after you die. The developers of the "If I Die" app created it after some close friends (4) ____ died in a traffic accident. They had a conversation about how (5) ____ it would be to leave family and friends a note or some photos or images after you (6) ____ away.

Your friends help you post the message online (7) ____ you die. App users must choose three Facebook "trustees" who have to confirm that you are (8) ____ more. Once the three have done this, your message, photos and videos will upload onto Facebook. There are (9) ____ feelings on social media sites about the app. Georgie Ansari from London said: "What a great idea. Death is usually so (10) ____ and few of us get a (11) ____ to say the things we want." (12) ____, Paolo Cesar from Brazil wrote the idea was "very dark".

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) them | (b) which | (c) that |
| 2. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) of |
| 3. | (a) seven | (b) seventeen | (c) one |
| 4. | (a) near | (b) nearly | (c) nears |
| 5. | (a) cool | (b) warm | (c) tepid |
| 6. | (a) mass | (b) bass | (c) pass |
| 7. | (a) after | (b) post | (c) following |
| 8. | (a) not | (b) no | (c) non |
| 9. | (a) mixed | (b) mixture | (c) mixes |
| 10. | (a) suddenly | (b) sadden | (c) sudden |
| 11. | (a) opportunity | (b) chance | (c) risk |
| 12. | (a) Moreover | (b) However | (c) Because |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. what plepeo joke about
2. something isngsim in life
3. leave a segasem
4. dtepos on Facebook
5. traffic adicenct
6. photos or egsami

Paragraph 2

7. App users must ocsoeh
8. imcronf that you are no more
9. mixed siefnegl
10. liaocs media sites
11. Death is usually so dseund
12. get a ahcnce

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in life. Facebook, Apple and Android apps let us do a million and one useful
- () things. Now we can leave a message to the world that is posted on Facebook after you die. The developers
- () want.” However, Paolo Cesar from Brazil wrote the idea was “very dark”.
- () done this, your message, photos and videos will upload onto Facebook. There are mixed feelings on social
- () Your friends help you post the message online after you die. App users must
- () media sites about the app. Georgie Ansari from London said: “what a great idea. Death
- () of the “If I Die” app created it after some close friends nearly died in a traffic
- () is usually so sudden and few of us get a chance to say the things we
- () and friends a note or some photos or images after you pass away.
- () choose three Facebook “trustees” who have to confirm that you are no more. Once the three have
- () accident. They had a conversation about how cool it would be to leave family
- (**1**) “There’s an app for that.” This is what people joke about if there is something missing

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

1. There's that for app an.

2. is people about This what joke.

3. things us million useful Let a one do and.

4. Facebook you on after die Posted.

5. cool A it conversation would about be how.

6. you help friends Your message the post.

7. no that are more Confirm you.

8. social are media mixed sites feelings on There.

9. Death sudden so usually is.

10. chance the want a say we Get to things.

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. _____

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. APP: Search the Internet and find more information about the "If I Die" app. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about apps. Include an imaginary interview with an app designer. 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 an apps expert. Ask him/her three questions about apps. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.