

ESOL

Make Up Work

October 6 – 10

1. Read the article "Turkey Court Says Twitter helps free speech".
2. Complete the multiple-choice quiz and answer the comprehension questions about the article.
3. Complete "Circle the Correct Word" activity.
4. Complete a compare and contrast writing assignment. You will need to compare Facebook and Twitter.

THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

A court in Turkey has said the country's Twitter ban prevents free speech. It said that blocking Twitter takes away people's right to express themselves freely. The Turkish government blocked Twitter on March the 21st. The Prime Minister, Tayyip Erdogan, was angry because someone posted audio files of his close advisors just days before the country's elections. The files revealed details of possible corruption in Turkey that could be embarrassing for the government. Mr Erdogan is a big critic of social networks. As well as blocking Twitter, he also ordered the blocking of YouTube for a while. He said in an election campaign speech: "We will wipe out Twitter. I don't care what the international community says."

The Twitter ban did not work as Mr Erdogan wanted it to. Turks found many ways to get on Twitter without using the normal channels. Internet companies say there was a surge in tweets after the ban but usage is down to half of what it was before. Many Turks are furious with the government for banning Twitter. They are determined to make sure they can access the micro-blogging site. The court agreed with the people. It said: "Everyone has the right to express and [share] his/her thoughts and opinions by speech, in writing, in pictures or through other media." Twitter was happy with the court's announcement. Its global public policy team tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter access restored in Turkey soon."

Sources: <http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/04/03/turkey-twitter-idINL5N0MV0YA20140403>
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MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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1. What did the Turkish court say Twitter takes away?
 - a) a lot of money
 - b) freedom of speech
 - c) information
 - d) Internet space
2. What kind of files was the Turkish prime minister angry about?
 - a) video files
 - b) password-protected files
 - c) audio files
 - d) pictures
3. What is the prime minister a critic of?
 - a) himself
 - b) the Internet
 - c) Turkey's government
 - d) social networking
4. Which other website did Mr Erdogan ban for a short time?
 - a) Facebook
 - b) YouTube
 - c) Google Turkey
 - d) BBC
5. Who did Mr Erdogan say he didn't care about?
 - a) the international community
 - b) Internet users
 - c) himself
 - d) Twitter
6. What did Turks not use to get on Twitter?
 - a) normal channels
 - b) wi-fi
 - c) mobile phones
 - d) the Internet
7. What happened to the number of tweets right after the ban?
 - a) they stopped
 - b) they stayed the same
 - c) they went down
 - d) they went up
8. Who did the court agree with?
 - a) the prime minister
 - b) Mehmet Topal
 - c) the people
 - d) Twitter
9. Who was happy with the court's announcement?
 - a) Mehmet Topal
 - b) Tayyip Erdogan
 - c) a 99-year-old Turkish tweeter
 - d) Twitter
10. When does Twitter hope access to its site will return to Turkey?
 - a) yesterday
 - b) soon
 - c) in a day or two
 - d) before the end of the month

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The Twitter ban did not *work* / *working* as Mr Erdogan wanted it to. Turks found many ways to get *in* / *on* Twitter without using the normal channels. Internet companies say there was a *splurge* / *surge* in tweets after the ban but usage is down to *halved* / *half* of what it was before. Many Turks are furious *for* / *with* the government for banning Twitter. They are determined to make sure they can *access* / *excess* the micro-blogging site. The court agreed with the people. It said: "Everyone has the right *to* / *for* express and [share] his/her thoughts and *opinions* / *options* by speech, in writing, in pictures or through other media." Twitter was happy with the court's *announcement* / *announce*. Its global public policy team tweeted: "We hope to have Twitter access *restored* / *stored* in Turkey soon."

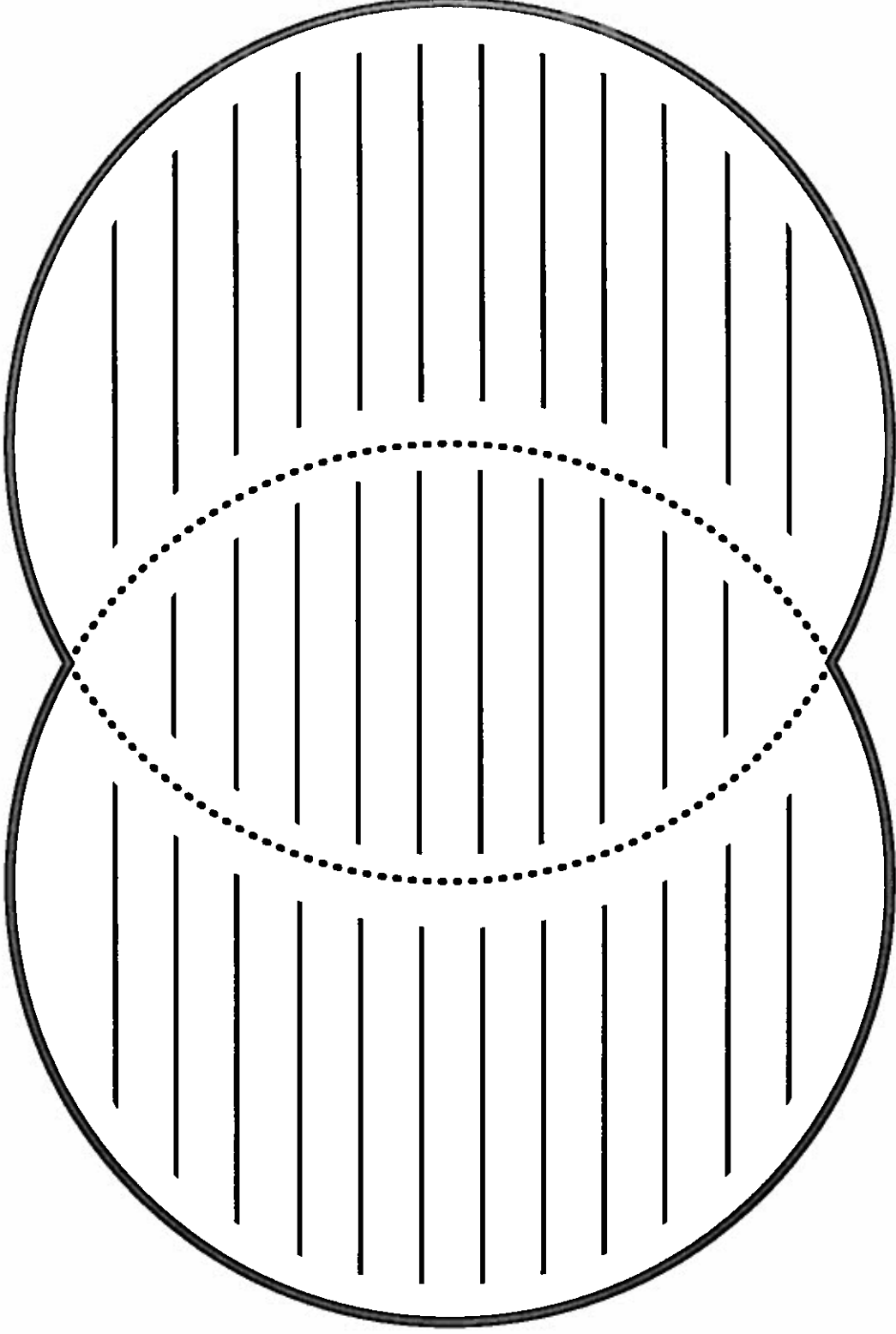
Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

Compare and Contrast Graphic Organizer

Name _____

Twitter

Facebook



ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140405-free-speech.html>

1. No site should ever be banned from the Internet. Discuss.
 2. Compare and contrast Twitter and Facebook. Which is best, and why?

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