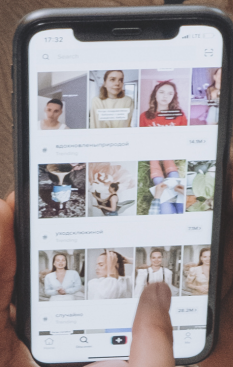


LET'S TALK ABOUT...

TIKTOK



Gotowa lekcja B2/C1

How TikTok changed the world in 2020

Task 1. Discuss the phenomenon of TikTok and try to answer the questions below.

1. Do you happen to know what TikTok is? If yes, try to explain it.
2. When did it become so popular? Why is it so popular among teenagers mostly?
3. How many of your friends do actually use TikTok? And do you use it?
4. Do you see any possible dangers of using this app?
5. If you have kids- do you let them use the app? Or if you had kids, would you let them use the app?
6. Watch two TikTok videos below and say what do you think about them.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_zkkid-UFQ



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3JzrHY5sIE>

Task 2. Watch the first part of the video- until 2:57, and answer the questions. Scan the QR code to open the video or use a direct link.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kofyo2kCnKY>)

1. What's got parents so worried?
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2. What happened when the producer went undercover pretending to be a teenage girl?
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3. How many people use TikTok every month?
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4. What did Marko Silva decide to do and what was the effect?
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5. What happened in August last year (2018 then)?
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Task 3. Match the words from the box with their meanings.

GO VIRAL

EXPLICIT

(GO) UNDERCOVER

PREDATORS

EXPOSE

1. Expressed in a way that is very clear and direct-
2. People who try to use someone's weaknesses to get an advantage-
3. To spread widely, especially on the Internet or mobile phones-
4. To put someone in a situation where they are not protected from something dangerous or unpleasant-
5. When work is done secretly by the police in order to catch criminals or find out information-

Task 4. Now watch the second part of the video and answer the questions below. It can be also be done as homework.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kofyo2kCnKY>)

1. Which content is **out there forever**- Snapchat or TikTok? And what does it mean that it stays on the Internet forever?

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2. Why is the girl's dad confident that she's **safe** even when using the app?

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3. What does it mean that the account is **set private**?

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4. How fast did *rybkatwins* gain their followers?

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5. What **traps** you need to be aware of when it comes to social media?

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6. **Who** is accountable for protecting the kids?

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7. What's Leone's **advice** for parents?

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Task 5. Read the snippet of the article and fill in the gaps with suitable words from the box below.

“Fear of missing out” is a 1. _____ way to describe how social media can 2. _____ people feel like everyone else is part of something — a concert, a secret beach, a brunch — that they’re not. A new wrinkle in this concept is that sometimes that “something” is a social media 3. _____ itself. Maybe you saw a photo of some friends on Instagram at a great party and 4. _____ why you weren’t there. But then, next in your 5. _____, you saw a weird video, watermarked with a vibrating TikTok logo, scored with a song you’d never heard, 6. _____ a person you’d never seen. Maybe you saw one of the 7. _____ number of ads for TikTok plastered throughout other social networks, and the real world, and wondered why you weren’t at that party, either, and why it seemed so far away.

It’s been a while since a new social app got big enough, quickly enough, to make non-users feel they’re 8. _____ from an experience. If we exclude Fortnite, which is very social but also very much a game, the last time an app inspired such interest from people who weren’t on it was ... maybe Snapchat? (Not a coincidence that Snapchat’s audience skewed very young, too.)

And while you, perhaps an anxious 9. _____, may feel perfectly secure in your “choice” not to join that service, Snapchat has more daily users than Twitter, changed the course of its industry, and 10. _____ the way people communicate with their phones. TikTok, now reportedly 500 million users strong, is not so obvious in its intentions. But that doesn’t mean it doesn’t have them!

source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/10/style/what-is-tik-tok.html>

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Task 6. Use a dictionary to find the definitions of the words from task 5 and write them down. You can also make some examples of your own.

to miss out-

to alter-

to star-

to wonder-

to make sb feel-

feed-

platform-

abstainer-

staggering-

Task 7. Summary and discussion

1. Did you find out anything new about TikTok app?
2. Has anything you saw or heard in this lesson changed your mind in the way you perceive TikTok and other similar apps?
3. Would you let your children use it? If yes, how would you control it?
4. Do you think that the times we live in are more dangerous than before?
5. Can you think of any other apps or platforms that might cause a potential danger to children?