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Level 1 – 18th November 2024

Social media platform Bluesky growing fast

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The social media site Bluesky is growing quickly. It is getting one million new users every day. It became popular after the U.S. Presidential Election. Many people are using Bluesky instead of X, Facebook and Threads. Bluesky is the most downloaded free app in Apple's app store. A digital media journalist said: "Bluesky works and looks and feels just like Twitter." Bluesky has a fresh feel and gives users more control.

Bluesky started in 2019 as a research project at Twitter. It is similar to Twitter. Even the logos are similar. Twitter's was a blue bird; Bluesky has a blue butterfly. The name Bluesky comes from an idea that a bird flies freely in an open blue sky. This open blue sky is like free speech. Bluesky users can focus on posts they are interested in. If they want, they can choose to have only posts that have cat photos or posts related to sports.

Sources: <https://www.cnet.com/tech/bluesky-explained-why-this-social-media-network-is-now-growing-by-1-million-users-daily/>
<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2024/nov/17/bluesky-musk-trump-x-twitter-authoritarian-world>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The social media site Bluesky | a. feel |
| 2. It is getting one million new | b. app |
| 3. people are using Bluesky | c. control |
| 4. the most downloaded free | d. just like Twitter |
| 5. A digital media | e. is growing quickly |
| 6. Bluesky works and looks and feels | f. instead of X |
| 7. Bluesky has a fresh | g. users every day |
| 8. more | h. journalist |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Bluesky started | a. an open blue sky |
| 2. a research | b. are similar |
| 3. It is similar | c. project |
| 4. Even the logos | d. bird |
| 5. Twitter's was a blue | e. free speech |
| 6. a bird flies freely in | f. in 2019 |
| 7. open blue sky is like | g. related to sports |
| 8. cat photos or posts | h. to Twitter |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The social media site Bluesky (1) _____. It is getting one million (2) _____ day. It became popular after the U.S. Presidential Election. Many people are using Bluesky (3) _____, Facebook and Threads. Bluesky is the most downloaded (4) _____ Apple's app store. A digital media journalist said: "Bluesky (5) _____ and feels just like Twitter." Bluesky has a fresh feel and (6) _____ control.

Bluesky started in 2019 (7) _____ project at Twitter. It (8) _____ Twitter. Even the logos are similar. Twitter's was a blue bird; Bluesky (9) _____ butterfly. The name Bluesky comes from an idea that a bird flies freely in an open blue sky. This open blue sky is (10) _____. Bluesky users can focus on posts they (11) _____. If they want, they can choose to have only posts that have cat (12) _____ related to sports.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about social media in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

