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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. CCTV: Is CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) a good idea to prevent terrorism? Do you think it is necessary for security? Does it take away our freedom? In pairs / groups, discuss your thoughts on CCTV being put in the following areas:

- Subway cars
- Public toilets
- Your home
- Churches / Mosques / Temples etc.
- Other
- Street corners
- School classrooms
- Telephone boxes / booths
- Hotels
- Other

2. QUICK DEBATE: Students A think CCTV in school classrooms would increase education standards and reduce bullying. Students B think CCTV in schools is unnecessary. Try to persuade each other to change sides.

3. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words are most interesting and which are most boring.

Subway systems / CCTV / surveillance / the threat of terrorist attacks / rush hour / new technology / criminal activities / Chechnya

Have a chat about the topics you liked. For more conversation, change topics and partners frequently.

4. SECURITY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "security". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

5. CCTV OPINIONS: In pairs / groups, discuss the following opinions on surveillance:

- a. No amount of CCTV will stop terrorist attacks.
- b. CCTV means the terrorists have won – society becomes afraid of itself.
- c. CCTV in streets reduces other crimes.
- d. I'm happy with CCTV being everywhere. I have nothing to hide.
- e. The Moscow Metro idea should be adopted by all transport systems.
- f. Every train station should have X-ray machines and sniffer dogs.
- g. CCTV takes away our personal freedom.
- h. I support ID cards, phone tapping and body searches by the police.
- i. I think anyone should be allowed to search anyone else's backpack.
- j. CCTV would not have stopped the London bombers. It's a waste of money.

Change partners and share what you talked about.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. All Moscow Metro carriages will have security video cameras. | T / F |
| b. The security system is to spy on foreign diplomats. | T / F |
| c. All of the cameras will be fitted by the end of this year. | T / F |
| d. The surveillance system will cost \$US5.9 million. | T / F |
| e. The Moscow Metro has so far escaped from terrorism. | T / F |
| f. Chechnyan rebels occasionally attack Moscow. | T / F |
| g. Moscow Metro's head guaranteed CCTV would prevent terrorism. | T / F |
| h. CCTV may discourage criminal activities in the metro. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article:

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| a. head | money |
| b. fit | confessed |
| c. reduce | number one |
| d. ongoing | boss |
| e. funding | continuing |
| f. transit | set off |
| g. prime | lessen |
| h. detonated | ensure |
| i. admitted | transportation |
| j. guarantee | install |

3. PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. The head | detonated a bomb |
| b. reduce the | system |
| c. by the end | in state funding |
| d. ongoing | threat of |
| e. \$US59 million | this kind of terror |
| f. transit | of this year |
| g. Chechnyan rebels are | more than 50 |
| h. a suicide bomber | of Moscow's subway system |
| i. injuring | the prime suspects |
| j. guarantee an end to | until 2007 |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

GAP FILL: Put the words in the column on the right into the correct spaces.

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program
fit
style
funding
head
ongoing
busiest
network

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independence
transit
guarantee
injuring
prime
activities
innocently
bomb

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionaries / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'metro' and 'system'.

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the gap fill. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. STUDENT SURVEILLANCE SURVEY: In pairs / groups, write down questions about CCTV and state surveillance.

- Ask other classmates your questions and note down their answers.
- Go back to your original partner / group and compare your findings.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

6. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall exactly how these were used in the text:

- | | |
|-----------|---------------|
| • head | • experienced |
| • reduce | • prime |
| • style | • detonated |
| • busiest | • innocently |
| • program | • guarantee |
| • spend | • discourage |

DISCUSSION

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

- a. What did you think when you first read this headline?
- b. Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- c. Do you think CCTV on subway trains is a good idea?
- d. Do you think CCTV on subway trains will stop terrorists?
- e. Would you like to see CCTV in all areas of public life?
- f. Do you think CCTV reduces your privacy and freedom?
- g. What other security would you like to see on transport systems?
- h. Don't you think terrorists would simply switch targets if CCTV were present somewhere?
- i. Do you think CCTV could have stopped the London bombings?
- j. Do you think CCTV is good for discouraging general crime?

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

- a. Did you like reading this article?
- b. What did you think about what you read?
- c. Do you think transportation systems will ever be free from the threat of terrorist attack?
- d. What do you think of the idea of passengers requesting to search one another's bags?
- e. Do you think X-ray machines should be put in subway stations?
- f. Would you agree to random body searches by the police?
- g. Do you think CCTV increases fear or confidence?
- h. Would you agree to the government tapping of phones and e-mails?
- i. Do you think anti-terrorism laws could become too strict?
- j. Did you like this discussion?

AFTER DISCUSSION: Join another partner / group and tell them what you talked about.

- a. What question would you like to ask about this topic?
- b. What was the most interesting thing you heard?
- c. Was there a question you didn't like?
- d. Was there something you totally disagreed with?
- e. What did you like talking about?
- f. Do you want to know how anyone else answered the questions?
- g. Which was the most difficult question?

SPEAKING

CCTV EVERYWHERE: You are responsible for increasing the number of places there is CCTV in your country. You must persuade the public why CCTV is necessary in the public places below. Discuss the benefits of CCTV in these areas, the likely complaints from the public and your answers to the complaints.

MONITORED AREAS	BENEFITS	COMPLAINTS	ANSWERS
Train carriages			
Public toilets			
Street corners			
Churches, Mosques, Temples, Synagogues etc.			

Change partners. Take turns in being members of the public and members of the CCTV team. Role play a discussion between the two.

Return to your original partners. Discuss what you talked about in your role plays and what was decided.

LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information on CCTV on Moscow's Metro. Share your findings with your class in the next lesson.

3. CCTV: Make a poster on the pros and cons of CCTV in a city. How far should surveillance go? Show your poster to your classmates in your next lesson. Did you all have similar arguments?

4. LETTER: Write a letter to the head of Moscow's Metro. Tell him your thoughts on the effectiveness of CCTV in preventing terrorist attacks. Give him advice on alternative ways of spending the \$US59 million to help fight terrorism. Read your letter to your classmates in your next lesson. Did you all write about similar things?

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

a. T b. F c. F d. F e. F f. T g. F h. T

SYNONYM MATCH:

a. head	boss
b. fit	install
c. reduce	lessen
d. ongoing	continuing
e. funding	money
f. transit	transportation
g. prime	number one
h. detonated	set off
i. admitted	confessed
j. guarantee	ensure

PHRASE MATCH:

a. The head	of Moscow's subway system
b. reduce the	threat of
c. by the end	of this year
d. ongoing	until 2007
e. \$US59 million	in state funding
f. transit	system
g. Chechnyan rebels are	the prime suspects
h. a suicide bomber	detonated a bomb
i. injuring	more than 50
j. guarantee an end to	this kind of terror

GAP FILL:

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