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Europe worried about U.S. spying

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130613-surveillance.html>

The European Union (EU) is worried about a top-secret American surveillance program that has spied on its citizens. "Surveillance" means looking at the daily actions of spies and criminals. EU officials are angry that the program (called PRISM) spied on normal EU citizens. The company that operates PRISM accessed millions of e-mails and personal data from Google, Facebook, Apple and other e-mail providers. EU spokesman Tonio Borg said the EU wants the USA to promise it will respect the rights of European citizens. He said the USA must not look at the personal information of Europeans. He is angry because US laws say PRISM cannot spy on Americans, unless they are possible terrorists.

PRISM has the power to get the emails and phone records of non-US nationals. It can also tap into voice chat, videos and social networking details. A reporter from Britain's "The Guardian" newspaper said PRISM workers could access anyone's emails or phone calls at any time. Dutch lawmaker Sophia Veld said: "500 million Europeans were shocked to find a foreign nation has access to every intimate detail of their private lives." A former CIA worker, Edward Snowden, 29, leaked secret documents about the surveillance program to "The Guardian" last week. Mr Snowden is currently in hiding in Hong Kong. The USA says he has broken the law. Moscow has said Snowden may be able to live safely in Russia.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-22857062>
<http://www.neurope.eu/article/meps-show-anger-prism>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PRISM_%28surveillance_program%29

WARM-UPS

1. SPYING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about spying. Change partners often and share your findings.

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

worried / top-secret / spied / citizens / promise / personal information / terrorists / phone records / voice chat / social networking / private lives / leaked / in hiding

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. TOP SECRET: What is top secret for you? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

| | Secret?/ why? | Who would you tell? | Who wouldn't you tell? |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Age | | | |
| Weight | | | |
| Salary | | | |
| Mail password | | | |
| Bank PIN | | | |
| A big secret | | | |

4. SPYING: Students A **strongly** believe spying is very good; Students B **strongly** believe spying is very bad. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. MOST SECRET: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most secret at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Your date of birth
- Your weight
- Your e-mail password
- Your ban cash card PIN
- Your telephone number
- Your salary
- Your address
- Your medical records

6. E-MAIL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'e-mail'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130613-surveillance.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The USA has been spying on the leaders of European countries. | T / F |
| b. The USA used a surveillance program called PRIMIS. | T / F |
| c. A company tapped into e-mails from Google and Facebook accounts. | T / F |
| d. U.S. law says the program cannot access the e-mails of Americans. | T / F |
| e. The spying program cannot access voice chat or people's videos. | T / F |
| f. The spies could look at anyone's e-mail whenever they wanted. | T / F |
| g. A current CIA worker told a U.K. newspaper about the spying program. | T / F |
| h. The worker is now in hiding somewhere in Hong Kong. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. worried | a. journalist |
| 2. surveillance | b. guarantee |
| 3. daily | c. potential |
| 4. promise | d. spying |
| 5. possible | e. released |
| 6. power | f. concerned |
| 7. reporter | g. private |
| 8. intimate | h. presently |
| 9. leaked | i. everyday |
| 10. currently | j. ability |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. a top-secret American | a. into voice chat |
| 2. looking at the daily | b. European citizens |
| 3. personal | c. terrorists |
| 4. respect the rights of | d. of their private lives |
| 5. possible | e. surveillance program |
| 6. tap | f. hiding in Hong Kong |
| 7. every intimate detail | g. the law |
| 8. leaked secret | h. actions of spies |
| 9. Mr Snowden is currently in | i. documents |
| 10. he has broken | j. data |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130613-surveillance.html>

The European Union (EU) is worried about a (1) _____ - secret American surveillance program that has (2) _____ on its citizens. "Surveillance" means looking at the (3) _____ actions of spies and criminals. EU officials are angry that the program (called PRISM) spied on normal EU citizens. The company that (4) _____ PRISM accessed millions of e-mails and personal data from Google, Facebook, Apple and other e-mail (5) _____. EU spokesman Tonio Borg said the EU wants the USA to promise it will (6) _____ the rights of European citizens. He said the USA must not look at the (7) _____ information of Europeans. He is angry because US laws say PRISM cannot spy on Americans, unless they are possible (8) _____.

respect
operates
personal
spied
providers
terrorists
top
daily

PRISM has the (9) _____ to get the emails and phone records of non-US nationals. It can also (10) _____ into voice chat, videos and social networking details. A reporter from Britain's "The Guardian" newspaper said PRISM workers could (11) _____ anyone's emails or phone calls at any time. Dutch lawmaker Sophia Veld said: "500 million Europeans were (12) _____ to find a foreign nation has access to every intimate (13) _____ of their private lives." A former CIA worker, Edward Snowden, 29, (14) _____ secret documents about the surveillance program to "The Guardian" last week. Mr Snowden is currently in (15) _____ in Hong Kong. The USA says he has (16) _____ the law. Moscow has said Snowden may be able to live safely in Russia.

shocked
hiding
access
broken
power
detail
tap
leaked

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130613-surveillance.html>

- 1) a top-secret American surveillance program that has _____
 - a. spied on its city zones
 - b. spied on its sitting zones
 - c. spied on its citizens
 - d. spied on its site e-zones
- 2) "Surveillance" means looking at the daily actions of _____
 - a. spies and criminal
 - b. spies and criminals
 - c. spies and criminalise
 - d. spies and crime annals
- 3) The company that operates PRISM accessed millions of e-mails _____
 - a. and personal data
 - b. and personal day two
 - c. and personal datum
 - d. and personal dater
- 4) He said the USA must not look at the personal _____
 - a. information of Europeans
 - b. information for Europeans
 - c. information at Europeans
 - d. information from Europeans
- 5) US laws say PRSIM cannot spy on Americans, unless they _____
 - a. are possibly terrorists
 - b. are posse-ball terrorists
 - c. are possibility terrorists
 - d. are possible terrorists
- 6) PRISM has the power to get the emails and phone records _____
 - a. of nine US nationals
 - b. of non-US nationals
 - c. of none-US nationals
 - d. of noon-US nationals
- 7) It can also tap into voice chat, videos and _____
 - a. social networker details
 - b. social network king details
 - c. social net working details
 - d. social networking details
- 8) PRISM workers could access anyone's emails or phone _____
 - a. calls at many time
 - b. calls at any time
 - c. calls at all time
 - d. calls at every time
- 9) shocked to find a foreign nation has access to every intimate detail _____
 - a. of their private lives
 - b. of their private live
 - c. of their private lies
 - d. of their private liars
- 10) A former CIA worker, Edward Snowden, 29, _____
 - a. leaked secreted documents
 - b. leaked secret documents
 - c. leaked secretive documents
 - d. leaked secrets documents

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130613-surveillance.html>

The European Union (EU) is (1) _____ American surveillance program that has spied on its citizens. "Surveillance" means looking (2) _____ and criminals. EU officials are angry that the program (called PRISM) spied on normal EU citizens. The company that operates PRISM (3) _____ and personal data from Google, Facebook, Apple and other e-mail providers. EU spokesman Tonio Borg said the EU wants the USA (4) _____ the rights of European citizens. He said the USA must not look at the (5) _____ Europeans. He is angry because US laws say PRISM (6) _____, unless they are possible terrorists.

PRISM has the (7) _____ and phone records of non-US nationals. It can also tap into voice chat, videos and social networking details. A reporter from Britain's "The Guardian" newspaper said PRISM (8) _____ emails or phone calls at any time. Dutch lawmaker Sophia Veld said: "500 million Europeans were shocked to find a foreign nation has (9) _____ detail of their private lives." A former CIA worker, Edward Snowden, 29, (10) _____ about the surveillance program to "The Guardian" last week. Mr Snowden (11) _____ Hong Kong. The USA says he has broken the law. Moscow has said Snowden (12) _____ in Russia.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130613-surveillance.html>

1. How much of a secret was the PRISM surveillance system?

2. How often does the article say surveillance happens?

3. What three e-mail providers are in this article?

4. What does the EU want the US to promise?

5. Which Americans can PRISM spy on?

6. What can PRISM do to voice chat?

7. How many people in Europe were shocked?

8. Where did Edward Snowden used to work?

9. What is Edward Snowden doing in Hong Kong?

10. Where might Edward Snowden be able to live safely?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130613-surveillance.html>

1. How much of a secret was the PRISM surveillance system?
 - a) the biggest in the world
 - b) not much of a secret
 - c) it was just a joke
 - d) top secret
2. How often does the article say surveillance happens?
 - a) every hour
 - b) every day
 - c) every week
 - d) twice a month on a Wednesday
3. What three e-mail providers are in this article?
 - a) Google, Facebook, MSN
 - b) Google, Yahoo, Apple
 - c) Google, Facebook, Apple
 - d) Yahoo, Facebook, MSN
4. What does the EU want the US to promise?
 - a) to respect the rights of Europeans
 - b) to behave
 - c) to give them e-mail account details
 - d) to pay money
5. Which Americans can PRISM spy on?
 - a) ones in government
 - b) CIA agents
 - c) suspected terrorists
 - d) PRISM workers
6. What can PRISM do to voice chat?
 - a) eat into it
 - b) tap into it
 - c) buy into it
 - d) jump into it
7. How many people in Europe were shocked?
 - a) not one
 - b) 500,000
 - c) 5,000,000
 - d) 500,000,000
8. Where did Edward Snowden used to work?
 - a) the CIA
 - b) the FBI
 - c) the KGB
 - d) MI5
9. What is Edward Snowden doing in Hong Kong?
 - a) meeting government leaders
 - b) searching for missing e-mails
 - c) hiding
 - d) he's on holiday there
10. Where might Edward Snowden be able to live safely?
 - a) Hong Kong
 - b) Russia
 - c) Europe
 - d) Ecuador

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Age

You think your age is the biggest thing to keep a secret. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their thing. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): address, salary or e-mail password.

Role B – Address

You think your address is the biggest thing to keep a secret. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their thing. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): age, salary or e-mail password.

Role C – Salary

You think your salary is the biggest thing to keep a secret. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their thing. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): address, age or e-mail password.

Role D – e-mail password

You think your e-mail password is the biggest thing to keep a secret. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their thing. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): address, salary or age.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130613-surveillance.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'daily' and 'action'.

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| daily | action |
|--------------|---------------|

- 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 activity. 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. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• spied• daily• operates• providers• promise• terrorists | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• power• tap• anyone's• foreign• former• law |
|---|---|

SPYING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about spying 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.

SPYING DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'spying'?
- c) Would you like to be a spy?
- d) What do you think about America spying on the e-mail of Europeans?
- e) What is wrong with spying?
- f) Are you worried people are reading your e-mail?
- g) Facebook tells us our private details are secure. They are not. What do you think of this?
- h) Why is America spying on Europeans?
- i) When is spying a good thing?
- j) Would you be good at spying?

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SPYING DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What does a spy do every day?
- c) What do you think will happen in this story?
- d) Are you worried now about the security of your online information?
- e) What should the US say to European citizens?
- f) Would people be shocked or bored if they read your private mail?
- g) Is it right for people to tell their country's secrets to newspapers?
- h) What do you think of the CIA?
- i) What should happen to Edward Snowden?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Edward Snowden?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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The European Union (EU) is worried about a (1) ____-secret American surveillance program that has spied (2) ____ its citizens. "Surveillance" means looking at the daily actions of spies and criminals. EU officials are angry that the program (called PRISM) spied on (3) ____ EU citizens. The company that operates PRISM accessed millions of e-mails and personal (4) ____ from Google, Facebook, Apple and other e-mail providers. EU spokesman Tonio Borg said the EU wants the USA to promise it will (5) ____ the rights of European citizens. He said the USA must not look at the personal information of Europeans. He is angry because US laws say PRISM cannot spy on Americans, (6) ____ they are possible terrorists.

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) top | (b) high | (c) middle | (d) up |
| 2. | (a) in | (b) up | (c) on | (d) at |
| 3. | (a) abnormal | (b) normally | (c) normal | (d) normality |
| 4. | (a) letter | (b) people | (c) companies | (d) data |
| 5. | (a) resend | (b) reside | (c) respect | (d) respond |
| 6. | (a) but | (b) unless | (c) though | (d) however |
| 7. | (a) nine | (b) non | (c) noon | (d) none |
| 8. | (a) chattering | (b) chat | (c) chatterbox | (d) chit-chat |
| 9. | (a) all | (b) every | (c) any | (d) noon |
| 10. | (a) detail | (b) data | (c) documents | (d) diary |
| 11. | (a) leaks | (b) leaky | (c) leaking | (d) leaked |
| 12. | (a) by | (b) to | (c) on | (d) in |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The European Union (EU) is eridorw
2. elnesrvaucli program
3. EU icoffalis are angry
4. respect the rights of European nictzsie
5. personal inmfioarnot
6. possible oisrretrst

Paragraph 2

7. non-US snnoaalti
8. social networking dasteli
9. workers could sescca anyone's emails
10. every ntaetmii detail of their private lives
11. eelkad secret documents
12. Mr Snowden is rrunltecy in hiding

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130613-surveillance.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of Europeans. He is angry because US laws say PRISM cannot spy on Americans, unless they are possible terrorists.
- () spied on its citizens. "Surveillance" means looking at the daily actions of spies and
- () access to every intimate detail of their private lives." A former CIA worker, Edward Snowden, 29, leaked
- () currently in hiding in Hong Kong. The USA says he has broken the law. Moscow has said Snowden may be able to live safely in Russia.
- () rights of European citizens. He said the USA must not look at the personal information
- () lawmaker Sophia Veld said: "500 million Europeans were shocked to find a foreign nation has
- () into voice chat, videos and social networking details. A reporter from Britain's "The Guardian" newspaper
- () other e-mail providers. EU spokesman Tonio Borg said the EU wants the USA to promise it will respect the
- () secret documents about the surveillance program to "The Guardian" last week. Mr Snowden is
- () PRISM has the power to get the emails and phone records of non-US nationals. It can also tap
- () said PRISM workers could access anyone's emails or phone calls at any time. Dutch
- () criminals. EU officials are angry that the program (called PRISM) spied on normal EU citizens. The company
- (**1**) The European Union (EU) is worried about a top-secret American surveillance program that has
- () that operates PRISM accessed millions of e-mails and personal data from Google, Facebook, Apple and

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. program surveillance American secret - top A.

2. of criminals at actions and Looking daily spies the.

3. accessed millions of e-mails and personal data PRISM.

4. . respect rights the Promise will it European of citizens

5. on say Americans PRSIM cannot US spy laws.

6. tap also can It chat voice into.

7. time anyone's phone any Access or at emails calls.

8. to detail foreign access intimate A has every nation.

9. secret program the documents Leaked surveillance about.

10. in live Snowden Russia able may safely to be.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130613-surveillance.html>

The European Union (EU) is *worried / worries* about a top-secret American surveillance program that has *spy / spied* on its citizens. "Surveillance" means looking at the *day / daily* actions of spies and criminals. EU officials are angry *that / what* the program (called PRISM) spied on normal EU citizens. The company that operates PRISM *accessed / accessing* millions of e-mails and personal *data / letter* from Google, Facebook, Apple and other e-mail *provisions / providers*. EU spokesman Tonio Borg said the EU wants the USA to *promise / promising* it will respect the rights of European citizens. He said the USA must not look *by / at* the personal information of Europeans. He is angry because US laws say PRSIM cannot spy on Americans, unless they are *possible / possibility* terrorists.

PRISM has the *powerful / power* to get the emails and phone records of *none- / non-* US nationals. It can also *tap / top* into voice chat, videos and social networking details. A *reporting / reporter* from Britain's "The Guardian" newspaper said PRISM workers could *accessible / access* anyone's emails or phone calls at *any / every* time. Dutch lawmaker Sophia Veld said: "500 million Europeans were *shocked / shocking* to find a foreign nation has access to every intimate *detail / details* of their private lives." A former CIA worker, Edward Snowden, 29, *leaked / leaky* secret documents about the surveillance program to "The Guardian" last week. Mr Snowden is currently in hiding in Hong Kong. The USA says he has *breaking / broken* the law. Moscow has said Snowden may be able to live safely in Russia.

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

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ _ _ r_p_ _ n_ _ n_ _ n_ (_) _ s w_rr_ _ d_ _ b_ _ t_ _ t_p_ -
s_cr_t_ _ m_r_c_n_s_rv_ _ ll_nc_ _ pr_gr_m_th_t_h_s_sp_ _ d_ _
n _ ts_c_t_z_ns. "S_rv_ _ ll_nc_ _" m_ _ ns_l_ _ k_ng_ _ t_th_ _
d_ _ ly_ _ ct_ _ ns_ _ f_sp_ _ s_ _ nd_cr_m_n_ls. _ _ ff_c_ _ ls_ _
r _ ngry_th_t_th_ _ pr_gr_m_(c_ll_d_PR_SM) sp_ _ d_ _ n_ _
n_rm_l_ _ _ c_t_z_ns. Th_ _ c_mp_ny_th_t_p_r_t_s_PR_SM_ _
_cc_ss_d_m_ll_ _ ns_ _ f_ _ -m_ _ ls_ _ nd_p_rs_n_l_d_t_fr_m_ _
G_ _ gl_ _ , F_c_b_ _ k_ _ , ppl_ _ _ nd_ _ th_r_ _ -m_ _ l_p_r_v_d_rs._ _
_ _ sp_k_sm_n_T_n_ _ B_rg_s_ _ d_th_ _ _ w_ _ nts_th_ _ S_ _
t_p_r_m_s_ _ t_w_ll_r_sp_ct_th_ _ r_ghts_ _ f_ _ _ r_p_ _ n_ _
c_t_z_ns. H_ _ s_ _ d_th_ _ S_ _ m_st_n_t_l_ _ k_ _ t_th_ _
p_rs_n_l_ _ nf_rm_t_ _ n_ _ f_ _ _ r_p_ _ ns. H_ _ _ s_ _ ngry_ _
b_c_ _ s_ _ S_l_ws_s_y_PRS_M_c_nn_t_spy_ _ n_ _ m_r_c_ns,_ _
_nl_ss_th_y_ _ r_p_ss_bl_t_rr_r_sts.

PR_SM_h_s_th_ _ p_w_r_t_ _ g_t_th_ _ _ m_ _ ls_ _ nd_ph_n_ _
r_c_rds_ _ f_n_n-S_n_t_ _ n_ls. _t_c_n_ _ ls_ _ t_p_ _ nt_ _
v_ _ c_ _ ch_t,_ _ v_d_ _ s_ _ nd_s_c_ _ l_n_tw_rk_ng_d_t_ _ ls. _ _
_r_p_r_t_r_fr_m_Br_t_ _ n's_ _ "Th_ _ G_ _ rd_ _ n" n_wsp_p_r_ _
s_ _ d_PR_SM_w_rk_rs_c_ _ ld_ _ cc_ss_ _ ny_n_'s_ _ m_ _ ls_ _ r_ _
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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 out more about PRISM. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SPYING: Make a poster about spying. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PRISM: Write a magazine article about the surveillance program PRISM. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to the head of the CIA. Ask him three questions about spying. Give him three of your opinions on PRISM. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. worried | a. concerned |
| 2. surveillance | b. spying |
| 3. daily | c. everyday |
| 4. promise | d. guarantee |
| 5. possible | e. potential |
| 6. power | f. ability |
| 7. reporter | g. journalist |
| 8. intimate | h. private |
| 9. leaked | i. released |
| 10. currently | j. presently |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Top secret
2. Daily
3. Google, Facebook and Apple
4. To respect the rights of European citizens
5. Possible terrorists
6. Tap into (access) it
7. 500 million
8. The CIA
9. Hiding
10. Russia

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)