Inventor of World Wide Web says it must change

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The World Wide Web is now thirty years old. Its inventor, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has spoken about his creation on its 30th anniversary. He said he was worried about how people are using the Internet and its two billion websites today. He also said he is concerned about the future of the Web. He wrote a letter saying he knew many people felt unsure about whether the Web was "a force for good". He believes it can be a force for good and can empower billions of people. He wrote that he believed governments and companies must work together to build a better Internet. He said: "If we give up on building a better Web now, then the Web will not have failed us. We will have failed the Web."

Sir Tim had three main concerns about the World Wide Web. The first was criminal behavior, like state-sponsored hacking and online harassment. He described it as a "mirror of humanity" where "you will see good and bad". He said governments must pass laws to keep people safe. A second thing that worried Berners-Lee is how social media is used to spread misinformation. The past few years have seen a rise in fake news. In particular, how people were tricked during the 2016 US presidential election and the UK Brexit vote. Berners-Lee is also worried about people's privacy and personal information. He stressed the importance of fighting for a better and safer Web and keeping it free for everyone to use.

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Writing

The Internet is becoming too dangerous. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

thirty / creation / anniversary / websites / future / force / governments / Internet / concerns / criminal / behaviour / humanity / social media / election / information

True / False

a) The World Wide Web is now fifty years old. T / F

b) The article said there are two billion websites online. T / F

c) The Web's inventor knows people wonder if the Web is a force for good. T / F

d) The Web's inventor said we must not give up on making a better Web. T / F

e) The Web's inventor said he had five main worries about the Web. T / F

f) Sir Tim Berners-Lee called the Web a "mirror of humanity". T / F

g) The past few years have seen a decline in fake news. T / F

h) Tim Berners-Lee said it was not important to fight for a better Web. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1.	**inventor**	a.	unlawful
2.	**worried**	b.	thought
3.	**unsure**	c.	deceived
4.	**believed**	d.	conduct
5.	**build**	e.	concerned
6.	**criminal**	f.	lies
7.	**behaviour**	g.	construct
8.	**misinformation**	h.	creator
9.	**tricked**	i.	without charge
10.	**free**	j.	undecided

Discussion – Student A

a) What do you think about what you read?

b) What do you think about the name 'World Wide Web'?

c) How important is the Internet to you?

d) How dangerous is hacking?

e) Is the Internet a mirror of humanity?

f) What do you think of social media?

g) How do we know what news is true and what is fake?

h) What questions would you like to ask Sir Tim Berners-Lee?

Phrase Match

1. spoken about his creation on its
2. he is concerned
3. a force
4. governments and companies must
5. give up on building
6. state-sponsored hacking and
7. described it as a mirror
8. during the 2016 US presidential
9. He stressed the importance
10. keeping it free

a. for good
b. of fighting
c. a better Web
d. of humanity
e. about the future
f. for everyone to use
g. 30th anniversary
h. online harassment
i. work together
j. election

Discussion – Student B

a) What do you know about the World Wide Web?
b) When did you first use the Internet?
c) What would life be like without the Internet?
d) What are your favourite websites?
e) What worries do you have about the Internet?
f) Is the Internet a force for good?
g) How does the Internet empower people?
h) What will the Web be like in 30 years from now?

Spelling

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Role Play

Role A – Hacking
You think hacking is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their dangers aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): cyber-bullying, fake news or lack of exercise.

Role B – Cyber-bullying
You think cyber-bullying is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their dangers aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): hacking, fake news or lack of exercise.

Role C – Fake News
You think fake news is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their dangers aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): cyber-bullying, hacking or lack of exercise.
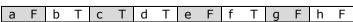
Role D – Lack of Exercise
You think a lack of exercise is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their dangers aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): cyber-bullying, fake news or hacking.

Speaking – Online Dangers

Rank these with your partner. Put the best online dangers at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- identity theft
- hacking
- cyber-bullying
- phishing
- fake news
- lack of exercise
- falling social skills
- viruses

Answers – Synonym Match

1. h	2. e	3. j	4. b	5. g
6. a	7. d	8. f	9. c	10. i

Answers – True False

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

Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.