

1. Complete the questions below with the words in the box.

article bookmark browsing google posts
reliable scroll streaming vlogs

- When **browsing** Google search results, do you ever **scroll** down to the bottom of the page and go to the second page?
- How often do you publish comments or read news **posts** on your social media?
- What is your favorite YouTube channel? What **vlogs** do you follow?
- What type of information do you **google** most often?
- What negative consequences may live **streaming** on Facebook have?
- What links or sites do you **bookmark** so that you can easily find them again?
- How do you find **reliable** information online?
- Have you ever fact-checked an **article** you found online? If yes, how did you do it?

2. Work in pairs and answer the questions from ex. 1.

3. Discuss the quote below.

“A squirrel dying in front of your house may be more relevant to your interests right now than people dying in Africa”

Mark Zuckerberg



- Do you agree with this statement? Why/Why not?

4. Watch an [interactive video](https://eslbrains.com/interactive-filter-bubbles) [https://eslbrains.com/interactive-filter-bubbles] and complete the tasks you see during it.

Interactive video tasks:

- 1) What are 'filter bubbles'? What are their negative aspects in your opinion.

2) Select the synonyms of the word 'prohibited' (as used in the video).

- a) **banned** c) **off limits** e) hidden
b) **restricted** d) discouraged

3) Fill the gap: This led to a **hardening** of their political stance.

4) Think about the kind of benefits personalized search engines can have.

5) Pick the ways we can get out of a filter bubble:

- a) use different devices for searching online c) question the content you see online
b) **balance your knowledge on different topics** d) **expand your news source**

5. Match the halves to create common expressions.

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| a) limit 3 | 1) your horizons |
| b) edit 6 | 2) the content |
| c) expand 1 | 3) your view |
| d) open your mind 8 | 4) of your comfort zone |
| e) close yourself 5 | 5) off to new ideas |
| f) challenge 7 | 6) out information |
| g) curate 2 | 7) your assumptions |
| h) step out 4 | 8) to other points of view |

6. Discuss the questions below.

- What news do you find relevant? Do you focus mainly on local news? Or things that appear on your social media stream?
- How do you feel about the fact that information you get online is curated by algorithms?
- How can filter bubbles and algorithms influence elections?
- How should we deal with filter bubbles online? Can we force corporations to stop curating what they serve us?
- Why is it difficult to step out of our comfort zone?
- How can other people help us to challenge our assumptions?
- Why do people decide to close themselves off to new ideas and concepts?