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# THE FUTURE OF FAKE NEWS: DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ, SEE OR HEAR

In an age of Photoshop, filters and social media, many of us are used to seeing manipulated pictures—subjects become slimmer and smoother or, in the case of Snapchat, transformed into puppies. However, there's a new breed of video and audio manipulation tools, made possible by advances in artificial intelligence and computer graphics, that will allow for the creation of realistic looking **footage** of public figures appearing to say anything: Queen Elisabeth declaring her desire to fly to the moon, or Hillary Clinton describing how she climbed Mount Everest without oxygen. This is the future of fake news. We've long been told not to believe everything we read, but soon we'll have to question everything we see and hear as well.

For now, there are several research teams working on capturing and synthesizing different visual and audio elements of human behaviour. Software developed at Stanford University called Face2Face is able to manipulate video footage of public figures to allow a second person to put words in their mouth—in real time. Face2Face captures the second person's facial expressions as they talk into a webcam and then **morphs** those movements directly onto the face of the person in the original video. On its own, Face2Face is a fun plaything for creating memes and entertaining late-night talk show hosts. However, with the addition of a synthesized voice, it becomes more convincing—not only does the digital puppet look like the politician, but it can sound like the politician, too.

A research team at the University of Alabama at Birmingham has been working on voice impersonation. With 3-5 minutes of audio of a victim's voice—taken live or from YouTube videos or radio shows—an attacker can create a synthesized voice that can **fool** both humans and voice biometric security systems used by some banks and smartphones. The attacker can then talk into a microphone and the software will convert it so that the words sound like they are being spoken by the victim—whether over the phone or on a radio show.

Although their intentions may be well-meaning, voice-morphing technology could be combined with face-morphing technology to create convincing fake statements by public figures. However, these morphing technologies still aren't perfect. The facial expressions in the videos can seem a little distorted or unnatural, and the voices can sound a little robotic. But given time, they will be able to faithfully recreate the sound or appearance of a person, to the point where it might be very difficult for humans to detect the fraud.

Given the erosion of trust in the media and the **rampant** spread of **hoaxes** via social media, it will become even more important for news organizations to **scrutinize** content that looks and sounds like the real deal. People should be looking at the lighting and shadows in the video, whether all the elements featured in the frame are the right size, and whether the audio is **synced** perfectly. **Doctored** content might not pass the scrutiny of a rigorous newsroom, but if posted as a **grainy** video to social media it could spread virally and trigger a political, diplomatic, or public relations disaster, or even start a war.

Text adapted from an article by Olivia Solon. *The Guardian* [online] (July 26, 2017)

footage: filmació / filmación

to morph: aplicar canvis / aplicar cambios

to fool: enganyar / engañar

**rampant**: sense restriccions / sin restricciones **hoax**: engany, trampa / engaño, fraude

to scrutinize: examinar detalladament / examinar detalladamente

synced: sincronitzat / sincronizado
doctored: manipulat / manipulado
grainy: granulat / granulado

## Part 1: Reading comprehension

Choose the best answer according to the text. Only ONE answer is correct.

			Espai per al corrector/a		rector/a
			Correcta	Incorrecta	No contestada
1.	Artificial intelligence and computer graphics  □ are the future of social media sites.  □ are creating new types of video and audio man  □ will benefit public figures such as Donald Trun  □ enable readers to spot fake news.				
2.	Fake news will be more convincing in the future bed people tend to have less critical thinking skills. □ people will be more familiar with image technod it will incorporate improved image and voice to human behaviour is easy to imitate.	ology.			
3.	Face2Face can currently  ☐ capture someone's facial expressions and map else's face.	them onto someone			
	<ul> <li>imitate someone's facial expressions.</li> <li>synthesize voice and incorporate it onto someone's physical appearance.</li> </ul>	one's image.			
4.	Recent research allows  ☐ smartphones to synthesize voice.  ☐ the creation of software to convert real voice in the creation of microphones that synthesize vo the creation of 3-5 minute audios.				
5.	<ul> <li>Which of the following statements is NOT true?</li> <li>□ Digital puppets will look and sound like real per perfect properties.</li> <li>□ Face and voice-morphing technology will creat fake news.</li> <li>□ Synthesized voice may deceive some security synthesized voice may deceive some security synthesized.</li> <li>□ Current software only works with live voice.</li> </ul>	te more convincing			
6.	There is certainly room for improvement in morphi  ☐ since they are able to exactly reproduce voice a  ☐ since there are often sound delays in the videos  ☐ since facial expressions and voices may appear  ☐ since humans can never detect fake videos.	nd image. s.			
7.	From now on, news organisations should  ☐ manipulate news more often.  ☐ not trust any information on social media.  ☐ be more critical with their sources.  ☐ pay particular attention to the features of video	os.			
8.	What is the danger of fake news, according to the au  ☐ News agencies will never be able to detect fake ☐ Fake news will go viral on social media and cre ☐ News agencies will spread fake news and create ☐ The viral presence of fake news on social media conflicts.	news. eate family conflicts. e political conflicts.			
			Correctes	Incorrectes 1	No contestades
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### Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words. [4 points]

- 1. Write an essay on the consequences that the use of the latest morphing technology might have for news agencies and the lack of trust in the media.
- 2. Do you shop online, or do you like to go to stores? Does the type of product you are looking for make a difference in your decision? Are online stores fair competition for "real" stores? Write an essay in which you discuss some of the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping.

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#### AN INTERVIEW WITH A DANCER

In the following conversation you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

channel: conduir / conducir
put so much into something: esforçar-se molt / esforzarse mucho
demanding: exigent / exigente
rehearsal: assaig / ensayo
chill out: descansar, relaxar-se / descansar, relajarse
icon: icona / icono

Ready?

Now read the questions on the following page. Read them carefully before listening to the conversation.

**Presenter**: You have probably seen our guest on ITV's new show *Dance* or maybe you have been to the theater where she is now performing *Aladdin*. After dancing with the ballet company for five years, she is starting to break into principal roles and discover what it means to be at the top of their profession. Otherwise the chances are that you follow her on Instagram... after all, she boasts over 100,000 followers. In today's program, I'm going to interview Claire Petty.

[Now listen to the interview.]

## **QUESTIONS**

Choose the best answer according to the recording. Only ONE answer is correct.

			Espai per al corrector/a		rector/a
			Correcta	Incorrecta	No contestada
1.	Why did Claire start doing ballet?  ☐ A teacher told her she was good at it. ☐ She was a very active child. ☐ Her mother was a ballet producer. ☐ She was forced by the head teacher.				
2.	<ul> <li>Which of these sentences is NOT true according to to the Most of Claire's teachers thought that she would in dancing.</li> <li>☐ Her family supported her decision and helped to the supported her things others think to the she is motivated to do the things others think to the she is motivated to do the things others think to the she couldn't may of dancing.</li> </ul>	d not succeed  her.  he cannot do.			
3.	What motivates Claire to dance?  ☐ The fact that it is a very demanding job. ☐ The joy she has when she is in the studio. ☐ The happiness she feels when she is on stage. ☐ The hobbies she is able to keep thanks to ballet				
4.	How does Claire feel after rehearsals?  ☐ She thinks about the following day's performant ☐ She thinks of all the positive things in the performant ☐ She is excited about the things that may go wro ☐ She reflects on the beauty of the performance.	rmance.			
5.	Which of these things does she NOT do to relax?  ☐ She watches movies. ☐ She goes out with her friends. ☐ She dances ballet. ☐ She listens to music.				
6.	What's her opinion on musical stars?  ☐ She would only like to work with Justin Bieber ☐ She thinks dancing for them is hard work but g ☐ She can't wait to work with them as she has no g ☐ She has worked with Beyoncé and that was a difference of the start of the s	gratifying. t worked with any yet.			
7.	Why does Claire not consider herself famous now?  ☐ Because only some people recognize her.  ☐ Because most of her fans are five years old.  ☐ Because her fan page on Instagram is new.  ☐ Because five years ago she was very famous.				
8.	What would Claire like to do if she were not a dance  ☐ She would like to go to Australia to film a move ☐ She would like to study art and become a paint ☐ She would like to design houses and especially ☐ She would like to be an actress on a television so	ie. er. her own.			
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#### SECRETS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

There are secrets and there are secrets. The work done during the Second World War at Bletchley Park, a Victorian mansion fifty miles north of London, was so secret that the people who worked there didn't talk about it even to their friends or family. The work done at Bletchley Park is now well known: in recent years there have been major films, documentaries and books, and today it is a tourist attraction. So what took place there during the war?

Bletchley Park was purchased by the British government in 1938 as a location for its code-breaking school. The mansion was not really **suitable** for the task because the house was too small for all those who worked there, so many worked in "**huts**" around the main house. Bletchley Park was Britain's top code-breaking centre and security was very **tight**. The government feared that a Nazi agent would infiltrate the centre and ruin everything.

Station *X*, as Bletchley Park was known, was so efficient that it could read coded messages from German generals on the battlefield before they were even seen by Hitler in Berlin. Historians now believe that the code-breakers shortened the war in Europe by two years.

The Germans had invented Enigma, the most complicated encoding machine the world had ever seen. It resembled a large typewriter with lights and could, letter-by-letter, turn a normal message into entirely unintelligible nonsense that could be decoded only by using another Enigma machine. The design of Enigma machines allowed for millions of different configurations. Enigma machines were initially decoded by Polish mathematicians in 1932. When the Poles broke Enigma, the Germans changed the code only once every few months. Over the years, the Nazis continued to improve Enigma to increase the number of possible configurations to the billions, and with the **advent** of war, codes were changed at least once a day. Only a few weeks before Germany invaded Poland in 1939, Polish mathematicians showed their code-breaking machine, called a *bombe*, to the British. This information was extremely valuable, as the British had previously been unsuccessful at decoding German messages.

As the Second World War progressed, Station X became a hidden city with 10,000 people working there. About 75 % of the people working at Bletchley Park were women. Many of the code-breakers were Cambridge mathematicians, both experienced professors and recent graduates, but some were **recruited** because of their linguistic skills, knowledge of hieroglyphics, or brilliance at chess. Two of the best known code-breakers were Alan Turing and Gordon Welchman. Turing had significantly improved the design of the Polish machine, and Welchman then refined Turing's design. The result of their collaborations was the *Turing-Welchman Bombe*, named after the original Polish machine. The new Bombe went through all the possible Enigma configurations in order to reduce the possible number of settings to a **manageable** number that could be analyzed, and then decoded, by people.

The importance of code-breaking was recognized early on by Prime Minister Winston Churchill. In 1941, Turing and Welchman wrote directly to Churchill to ask for more resources. Churchill's now famous response was "Make sure they have all they want—extreme priority—and report to me that this has been done."

In 1945 Churchill ordered that all records of Bletchley Park be destroyed. The public first became aware of Bletchley Park because of a book published in 1974 that was authored by one of its former employees. Bletchley Park even has its own royal connection: in 2014 the visitor centre was opened by Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge (Kate Middleton), whose own grandmother had worked there during the war.

Text adapted from an article in *The Telegraph* (July 16, 2016) and from information on the Bletchley Park Trust website

suitable: adequat / adecuado hut: barracó / barracón tight: estricte / estricto

advent: començament / comienzo recruited: reclutat / reclutado manageable: manejable

## Part 1: Reading comprehension

Choose the best answer according to the text. Only ONE answer is correct.

			Espa	ni per al cori	rector/a
			Correcta	Incorrecta	No contestada
1.	The mansion at Bletchley Park was  ☐ large enough for an entire school. ☐ too small for the number of people working the ☐ converted into several huts. ☐ used as a shelter during Nazi attacks.	ere.			
2.	The work done by the code-breakers at Bletchley Pa  ☐ had no effect on the outcome of the war.  ☐ probably helped the Allies win the war earlier.  ☐ was heavily criticized by Churchill.  ☐ was infiltrated by the Nazis.	rk			
3.	Who built the Enigma machines?  ☐ Germany. ☐ Polish mathematicians. ☐ The British Army. ☐ Alan Turing and Gordon Welchman.				
4.	During the war, codes for Enigma machines  ☐ changed daily. ☐ changed monthly. ☐ changed once every few months. ☐ never changed.				
5.	The code-breakers at Bletchley Park included people  □ very good at playing chess.  □ mechanical engineers.  □ originally from Poland.  □ students from local universities.	e who were			
6.	Churchill thought that code-breaking  ☐ was interesting but too expensive.  ☐ was important to winning the war.  ☐ should be assigned to Army officers.  ☐ could be done by anyone with some training.				
7.	Bletchley Park was first discovered by the public bed  □ a documentary was made about it.  □ Churchill gave many interviews about it.  □ someone who had worked there wrote a book.  □ the Poles reported on it to the British press.	ause			
8.	Which of the following best describes the centre at I  A home owned by Queen Victoria.  Government buildings turned into a tourist att  A school for mathematicians.  The childhood home of Kate Middleton.				
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		Nota de comprensió escrita			

### Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words. [4 points]

- 1. Many of the people working at Bletchley Park were good at languages and all had to be able to keep secrets. Imagine you are applying for a job as a code-breaker at a modern equivalent of Bletchley Park. Write a formal letter to the director explaining why you would be an excellent worker. Remember NOT to use your own name in the letter.
- 2. Black Friday in November has quickly become the biggest shopping day in many countries and not just in the United States, where it originated. Is it a good idea for shop owners to offer large discounts before the Christmas holidays? Do you think it is necessary to have such a day, or is it only a new form of consumerism? Write an opinion essay.

Grammar	
Vocabulary	
Text	
Maturity	
Total	
Nota de la redacció	

### Part 3: Listening comprehension

### EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

In the following conversation you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

*disabilities*: discapacitats / discapacidades *skills*: habilitats / habilidades

Ready?

Now read the questions on the following page. Read them carefully before listening to the conversation.

**Interviewer**: UNESCO organized the World Education Forum 2015 in the Republic of Korea, where over 1,600 participants from 160 countries adopted the Declaration for Education 2030. This declaration sets out a new vision for education for the next fifteen years. Today with us we have Ms. Ryan, an expert and researcher in education and one of the participants in the Forum.

[Now listen to the interview.]

# **QUESTIONS**

Choose the best answer according to the recording. Only ONE answer is correct.

			Espa	i per al cori	rector/a
			Correcta	Incorrecta	No contestada
1.	What is one of UNESCO's aims in the next 30 years?  ☐ To provide everyone with good, lifelong education. ☐ To participate in teachers' and schools' debates on if ☐ To promote school attendance in disadvantaged cor ☐ To provide separate classes for disabled children.				
2.	Which of these things does Ms. Ryan NOT mention as a will need in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century?  ☐ Designing new technology. ☐ Working cooperatively in groups. ☐ Investigating topics. ☐ Communicating in writing and orally.	skill children			
3.	Why is education a popular topic these days, according t  ☐ Because today we all have different learning styles. ☐ Because there is a new curriculum that we have to f ☐ Because the way people learn today is different from ☐ Because nowadays we take into account different pl	ollow. n before.			
4.	What will classes be like in the 21st century, according to  ☐ The teacher will speak a lot so that the instructions understood.  ☐ The teacher will speak a lot and students will become of knowledge.  ☐ The students will give information to teachers and word of the students will get information which they will the students will get information which will get information which they will the students will get information which will ge	Ms. Ryan? are clearly ne providers ill teach each other.			
5.	<ul> <li>into knowledge.</li> <li>Which of these sentences is NOT correct, according to M</li> <li>☐ Children will like going to school if they see a conn to the real world.</li> <li>☐ Students will work together with students in differe</li> <li>☐ Textbooks will not be used at all and laptops will be of information.</li> <li>☐ Schools will have many different types of classroom</li> </ul>	ection ont schools or places. the only source			
6.	How do most students actually use the latest technologic according to Ms. Ryan?  ☐ They design web pages online to show their familie ☐ They write magnificent handouts and worksheets. ☐ They produce blogs and digital stories, which they so ☐ They talk to friends and family using chats or texts.	al tools they have, s. share.			
7.	What is Ms. Ryan's opinion of the use of mobile phones  ☐ She is in favour of using them as they are a useful re ☐ Mobile phones should only be used to look up new ☐ She is against using them in class as she herself can the information. ☐ She was in favour but now she prefers not to use th of the students' reactions.	in class? esource. words. provide			
8.	Which is one of the main advantages of using new techn in the classroom, according to Ms. Ryan?  ☐ To be able to share experiences and ideas like in the ☐ To have a nice conversation with people abroad via ☐ To create PowerPoint presentations to collaborate v ☐ To increase the use of e-books in class.	e real world. email or chats.	Correctes	Incorrectes 1	No contestades
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