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Small World

Vocabulary

1. To explore the world
2. To broaden one's horizons
3. To discover smth
4. To conduct/carry out research
5. To google smth
6. Google earth, google maps
7. Social networks
8. World diversity
9. Satellite images
10. Globe-viewing features
11. Virtual globe
12. To chat with people
13. To track smb
14. To abuse privacy/ protect privacy
15. Updates on global happenings
16. Blog posts on international affairs
17. 3D navigation
18. To update timeline on social networks
19. To share pictures
20. To obtain information

Questions:

1. How do you understand the notion "Small World"?
2. Do you agree that our world is getting "smaller and smaller" due to modern technologies?
3. What ways of exploring the world can you name?
4. How is it possible to explore the world online?
5. Do you use such programs as Google Earth? Google Maps? Google Moon? Do you agree these programs enable us to learn more about the world outside?
6. Do you agree that in modern world people's privacy is not protected?
7. Is it a good thing that every person can be tracked via satellite control?
8. How do you get update on world events?
9. Can social networks help exploring the world?
10. Do you have friends who you've never seen in real life?
11. Are you a fan of social networks? How often do you chat with your friends via Skype, etc.?
12. What places in the world would you like to visit the most? How did you know about those places?



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13. Do you watch National Geographic, History or Discovery Channel? What scientific programs do you prefer?
14. What is the best way for you to obtain new information?
15. What subjects are the most interesting to you?
16. What enables people to explore the world?
17. What are the most objective sources of information for you?
18. Do you trust mass media? Social media?
19. Have you ever tried couch-surfing? Would you like to try it? Why or why not?

Comment on the following statements:

- “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”
– H. Jackson Brown Jr.
- We need the tonic of wildness...At the same time that we are earnest to explore and learn all things, we require that all things be mysterious and unexplorable, that land and sea be indefinitely wild, unsurveyed and unfathomed by us because unfathomable. We can never have enough of nature.”
– Henry David Thoreau, *Walden: Or, Life in the Woods*
- “If I knew everything, life would be lonely, as everyone else would want to explore the world, and I'd be content with a cat on my lap sitting in the dark.”
– Jarod Kintz, *Seriously delirious, but not at all serious*