

**What's happening
in the news this week?**



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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**Should we have the
right to say whatever
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Let's look at this week's story



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Assembly [here](#).



This week's story looks at events related to ...



How does it make me feel?



sad	angry	happy	confused	excited	worried	shocked	afraid
despondent disconsolate dismal doleful downhearted forlorn gloomy melancholic miserable woeful wretched	aggrieved annoyed discontented disgruntled distressed exasperated frustrated indignant offended outraged resentful vexed	beaming buoyant cheery contented delighted enraptured gleeful glowing joyful	addled baffled bemused bewildered disorientated indistinct muddled mystified perplexed puzzled	animated elevated enlivened enthusiastic exhilarated exuberant thrilled	agitated anxious apprehensive concerned disquieted distraught distressed disturbed fretful perturbed troubled uneasy	astonished astounded disconcerted distressed dumbfounded horrified staggered startled stunned surprised	alarmed apprehensive daunted fearful frantic horrified petrified terrified



Read the information below, which provides further information about Elon Musk and his thoughts on free speech

Who is Elon Musk?

Elon Musk is the world's richest man, according to Forbes magazine, with a net worth of £168bn (\$219bn)! This is mainly because of his shares in electric vehicle maker, Tesla. He also leads the aerospace firm, SpaceX.

He is considered by many as a visionary, someone who thinks of big ideas and makes them happen. As well as hoping to change Twitter, he also hopes to colonise Mars one day so people can live there!



Pictured: SpaceX Dragon spacecraft in low-Earth orbit. Elements of this image furnished by NASA.



Pictured above: Elon Musk's Twitter profile
Source: Twitter/ElonMusk

A good sign as to whether there is free speech is, is someone you don't like allowed to say something you don't like? If that is the case, we have free speech.

Elon Musk's thoughts on free speech. Do you agree?

Why does he want to be in charge of Twitter?

For business leaders, celebrities, politicians and journalists, Twitter is an important place for sharing their message and controlling their own stories.

At a recent event in Canada, when asked why he wants to buy Twitter, Musk explained that it was "important for the future of civilization" that people are able to have somewhere trustworthy, where they are free to speak and that is "inclusive".

What is freedom of expression and speech?

Article 19 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognises freedom of expression as a right to be protected. It states that, "everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media".

Share how you feel about being able to say whatever you like.



Look at the resource below, which shares some of the rules we might have in school.

Rules



Listen to each other



No running indoors



Keep your classroom clean and tidy



Keep your hands and feet to yourself



Put your hand up to speak



Be kind

Reasons why we might have rules

To keep me safe

To help me feel respected

To make sure I can learn and access my education

To help me share my thoughts freely

**Can you match each rule to a reason why we might have it?
Do some of the rules have more than one reason?**



Look at the resource below, where some people share what freedom looks like to them.

Salma

For me, freedom is a feeling. It is feeling that there is nothing stopping you from doing what you want. To dress the way you want, to take part in activities you enjoy, to pursue your dream job.

Sometimes it is difficult to be truly free as I worry about what other people will think of me and if they will laugh at the things I enjoy and the clothes I want to wear.

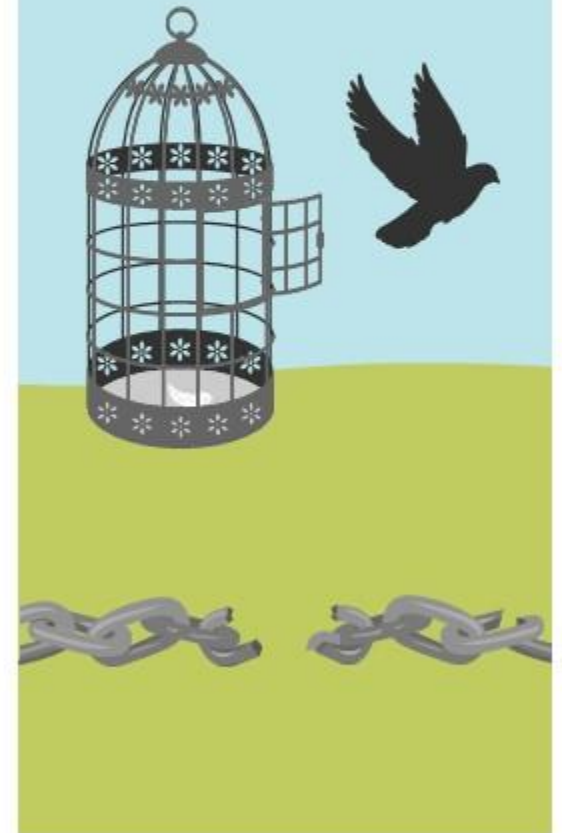
Helena

Freedom is confusing to me because I feel like the only way everyone can be free is by being controlled. We have laws and rules in place to give people freedom and if you do not follow these, freedoms can be taken away. Is this actually freedom? I am not sure.

Eli

Freedom is being able to say and do what you want, to believe what you want and to live your life as you choose but it comes with a responsibility. We are responsible for our actions and words and must make sure that whilst we can do and say what we want, that in doing so, we do not take away someone else's freedom.

Images representing freedom



What do you think about each of these comments? Do you agree or disagree with anyone?

Reflection



Our words can be incredibly powerful. They can bring great joy or sadness to those around us; they even have the power to change the world. Freedom of expression means we are able to say what we want, whilst remembering to think about how our words impact others.





Individual Liberty

We all have rights and freedoms. We can choose how we speak, think and act. It is important to remember to take responsibility for our choices and the consequences they may have.

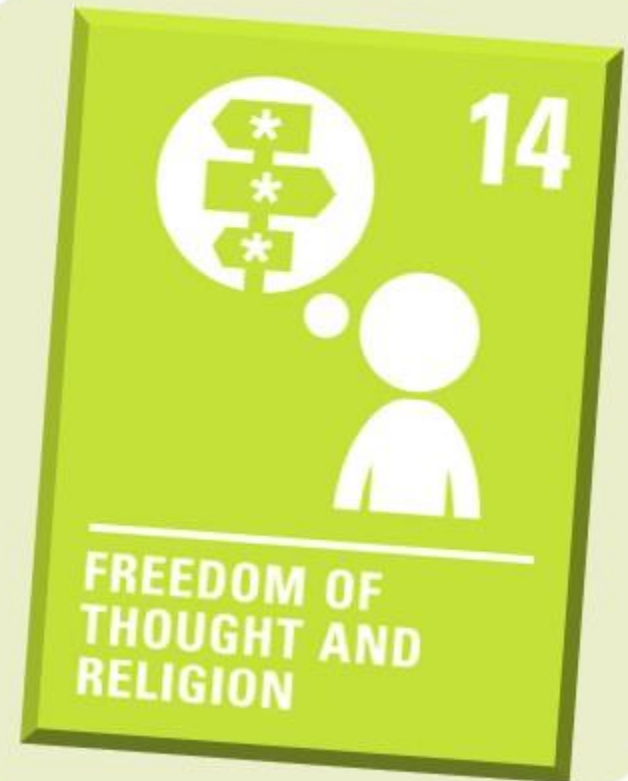




UN Rights of a Child



We can choose our own thoughts, opinions and beliefs but this should not stop anyone enjoying theirs.



Useful vocabulary



Banned

Stating officially that something must not be done, shown or used.

One of his issues is with the lack of free speech – some users have been **banned** altogether from the platform.

Extraordinary

Unusual or remarkable; having a good or special quality.

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Impact

Have a strong effect or influence on something.

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Incredibly

To a great degree; extremely.

Our words can be **incredibly** powerful.

Intentions

An aim or plan.

He has been in the news a lot recently, because of his involvement in and **intentions** towards changing the social media company, Twitter.

Potential

Someone's or something's ability to develop, achieve, or succeed.

He wants to buy the company, as he thinks it has a lot more **potential**.

Can you use them in your writing this week?



Birthday urinal

Hollywood star and the co-owner of Wrexham Association Football Club, Ryan Reynolds, has gifted a commemorative urinal to co-owner, Rob McElhenney, at the club's stadium. Ryan Reynolds is known for his wacky sense of humour and celebrating special events in unusual ways! In the video, he can be seen cutting a small red ribbon to reveal a gold plaque with McElhenney's face on it and the inscription "This urinal is dedicated to Robert McElhenney on his birthday - April 14. With love from Wrexham AFC, paid for

by Ryan Reynolds." Wrexham AFC was formed at The Turf in October 1864, over 150 years ago. The Racecourse ground remains the world's oldest stadium that continues to stage international games and one of the largest stadiums in the National League, with a capacity of 10,500. Rob responded by tweeting "...Thank you Ryan for making dreams come true!" Have you ever received any unusual presents?

Picture: Ryan Reynolds unveiled the plaque after wishing his co-owner a happy birthday. **Source:** Twitter @VancityReynolds



Picture: Some of the bizarre sea creatures photographed by Roman Fedortsov. **Source:** @irfedortsov Twitter page.

Bizarre sea creatures

A deep-sea fisherman has found a selection of bizarre sea creatures while sailing the Norwegian Sea, including specimens that look like a baby dragon, a jam doughnut and a cheeseburger. Roman Fedortsov decided to start taking pictures of his unusual catches and began to publish a gallery of amazing creatures on social media. Mr Fedortsov, who studied marine science at university in Murmansk, commented, "All kinds of fish are beautiful in their

own way. I cannot say that they are 'scary' or 'ugly.' People are very interested in unusual sea creatures. Readers have the impression that with each trawl we bring aboard unusual fish specimens. In fact, this is far from the case. It is a rarity." The pinkish fish, shown here, with a long, feathered tail and lacey wing-like fins, is a chimaera, a cartilaginous fish – it is also called a "ghost shark".

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Champion of the Earth

Sir David Attenborough has been named a Champion of the Earth by the UN's Environment Programme (UNEP). UNEP, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year said, "Sir David Attenborough is the recipient of the Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration". Accepting the distinguished environment award, Sir David, who has at least 18 plants and animals named after

him, said the world must take action now to protect nature and the planet. Sir David said that we should look to environmental success stories to give us hope that change is possible. "Fifty years ago, whales were on the very edge of extinction worldwide. Then people got together and now there are more whales in the sea than any living human being has ever seen," he suggested. "We know what the problems are, and we know how to solve them. All we lack is unified action."



Pictured: Sir David Attenborough **Source:** Joe Fereday @DavidALifeFilm Twitter account.

Last week's topic:

Are names just a label or can they mean something more?



I love my name, it means 'delicate'! I always try hard to remember people's names, especially if they have a nickname. My name is special to me and shows who I am.

Adina – age 9


I think names are very meaningful, we are all born without one then we have a name specially chosen for us.

Francine – age 9

I don't think that names are that important, if you don't like your name, you can change it or ask your friends to use a nickname. You can be whoever you want to be!

Freddy – age 8

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Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think people should be able to say what they like on social media platforms like Twitter, or do you think there should be rules users need to follow?
- How about in general life, do you think people should be able to say whatever they like, whenever they like?
- Share your knowledge of social media. Do you think you will use any in the future?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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