

# IVY BEAN

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Ivy Bean is perhaps the oldest user of social networking sites. She is officially the oldest person on Facebook and probably the oldest tweeter. She has become famous for her Twitter site IvyBean104. On September the 8th, 2009, her 104th birthday, Ivy had 38,670 followers. This makes her one of the most followed people in cyberspace! She said she preferred Twitter to Facebook because it was easier to update. In one of her birthday posts, she wrote: "I have just opened all my cards. It's taken me 20 minutes." She usually writes about things like getting her hair done, watching her favourite TV shows or eating fish and chips. The world's media covered Ivy's birthday. CNN and Sky News both wrote stories about her newfound fame.

Ivy Bean was born in Bradford, a town in the north of England, in 1905. She was one of eight children. She has seen huge changes in technology in her lifetime. Her first job was working in a cotton mill. The biggest innovation in her life then was the start of Britain's telephone network in 1912. The first computers arrived in the world when Ivy hit half a century. She would have to wait several decades to actually use one. Before she found digital communication, Ivy won a gold medal in the Frisbee throwing event at the Bradford Over-75 Olympics. She also likes bowling on her Nintendo Wii. Ms. Bean said being famous hasn't changed her, although she joked that her friends were jealous of her worldwide popularity.

254 words

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article.

*Paragraph 1*

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. the oldest user of social           | a. on Facebook                |
| 2. She is officially the oldest person | b. like getting her hair done |
| 3. the most followed people in         | c. covered Ivy's birthday     |
| 4. I have just opened                  | d. cyberspace                 |
| 5. She usually writes about things     | e. networking sites           |
| 6. The world's media                   | f. all my cards               |

*Paragraph 2*

- |                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7. She was one                     | g. a century                |
| 8. She has seen huge               | h. changed her              |
| 9. Ivy hit half                    | i. her worldwide popularity |
| 10. She would have to wait several | j. changes in technology    |
| 11. being famous hasn't            | k. of eight children        |
| 12. her friends were jealous of    | l. decades                  |

**LISTENING GAP FILL:**

Ivy Bean is perhaps \_\_\_\_\_ social networking sites. She is officially the oldest person on Facebook and probably the oldest tweeter. She has become \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter site IvyBean104. On September the 8th, 2009, her 104th birthday, Ivy had 38,670 followers. This \_\_\_\_\_ the most followed people in cyberspace! She said she preferred Twitter to Facebook because it was \_\_\_\_\_. In one of her birthday posts, she wrote: "I have just opened all my cards. It's taken me 20 minutes." She usually writes about things like \_\_\_\_\_, watching her favourite TV shows or eating fish and chips. The world's media covered Ivy's birthday. CNN and Sky News both wrote stories about \_\_\_\_\_.

Ivy Bean was born in Bradford, a town in the north of England, in 1905. She \_\_\_\_\_ children. She has seen huge changes in technology in her lifetime. Her first job was working in a cotton mill. The biggest innovation in her \_\_\_\_\_ start of Britain's telephone network in 1912. The first computers arrived in the world when Ivy \_\_\_\_\_. She would have to wait several decades to actually use one. Before \_\_\_\_\_ communication, Ivy won a gold medal in the Frisbee throwing event at the Bradford Over-75 Olympics. She also likes bowling on her Nintendo Wii. Ms. Bean said \_\_\_\_\_ changed her, although she joked that her friends \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide popularity.

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Ivy Bean is perhaps the oldest *user / users* of social networking sites. She is officially the oldest person on Facebook and probably the oldest tweeter. She has become famous *by / for* her Twitter site IvyBean104. On September the 8th, 2009, her 104th birthday, Ivy had 38,670 followers. This *takes / makes* her one of the most followed people in cyberspace! She said she *preferred / rather* Twitter to Facebook because it was easier to update. In one of her birthday *pasts / posts*, she wrote: "I have just opened all my cards. It's taken me 20 minutes." She usually writes about *thing / things* like getting her hair *doing / done*, watching her favourite TV shows or eating fish and chips. The world's media covered Ivy's birthday. CNN and Sky News both wrote stories about her *newly / newfound* fame.

Ivy Bean was born *in / at* Bradford, a town in the north of England, in 1905. She was one of eight children. She *has / was* seen huge changes in technology in her *livelihood / lifetime*. Her first job was working in a cotton mill. The biggest innovation in her life then was the start *of / from* Britain's telephone network in 1912. The first computers arrived in the world when Ivy *hits / hit* half a century. She would have to wait several *decades / digits* to actually use one. Before she found digital communication, Ivy won a gold medal in the Frisbee *thrown / throwing* event at the Bradford Over-75 Olympics. She also likes bowling on her Nintendo Wii. Ms. Bean said being famous hasn't changed her, although she joked that her friends were jealous of her worldwide *popular / popularity*.

## SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

### *Paragraph 1*

1. social erkntwgoin sites
2. She has become muosfa
3. in ebcaepyracs
4. easier to edtaup
5. oednp all my cards
6. ggtntie her hair done
7. The world's media reecovd Ivy's birthday
8. stories about her nefudnwo fame

### *Paragraph 2*

9. in the hnrto of England
10. She has seen huge sancheg
11. The biggest tnoonnivia in her life
12. telephone krntwoe
13. half a yctreun
14. idtglia communication
15. her friends were uljsaeo
16. worldwide yplouprait

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) covered Ivy's birthday. CNN and Sky News both wrote stories about her newfound fame.
- ( ) communication, Ivy won a gold medal in the Frisbee throwing event at the Bradford Over-75 Olympics. She also likes
- ( ) a century. She would have to wait several decades to actually use one. Before she found digital
- ( ) her, although she joked that her friends were jealous of her worldwide popularity.
- ( **1** ) Ivy Bean is perhaps the oldest user of social networking sites. She is officially the oldest person on
- ( ) bowling on her Nintendo Wii. Ms. Bean said being famous hasn't changed
- ( ) life then was the start of Britain's telephone network in 1912. The first computers arrived in the world when Ivy hit half
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- ( ) posts, she wrote: "I have just opened all my cards. It's taken me 20 minutes." She usually writes about things like getting her hair

# SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. sites networking social of user oldest The.

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2. She person is on officially Facebook the oldest.

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3. Twitter become site famous for She her has.

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4. said She Facebook to Twitter preferred she.

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5. world's covered birthday The media Ivy's.

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6. was of children She one eight.

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7. has She technology in changes huge seen.

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8. on She her also Nintendo likes Wii bowling.

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9. her changed hasn't famous being said Bean.

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10. popularity jealous of Her her friends worldwide were.

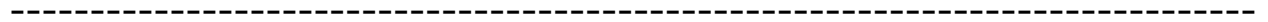
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**DISCUSSION (Write your questions):**

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. What do you know about Ivy Bean?
2. Would you like to meet Ivy Bean?
3. What would you like to know about Ivy Bean and why?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_



**DISCUSSION (Write your questions):**

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. What did you learn from this text about Ivy Bean?
2. What questions would you like to ask Ivy Bean?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE IVY BEAN SURVEY:

Write five questions about Ivy Bean in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

**Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.**

## WRITING:

Write about Twitter or Facebook for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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## HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find more information about Ivy Bean. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. SOCIAL NETWORKING:** Make a poster showing the different social network sites. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

**4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Ivy Bean. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to Ivy Bean. Ask her three questions about her life and the Internet. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Ivy Bean expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.