

Saturday Night Live (NBC, USA), "Trump Retweets"

Introduction

1. What do you know about the social networking site Twitter?
2. Do you use Twitter? Why do/don't you use it?
3. Do you know any stories about celebrities using Twitter? What happened?
4. What do you know about Donald Trump using Twitter? Do you think Twitter is beneficial to him?

Vocabulary

You are going to watch a video about Donald Trump and Twitter. Before you watch, make sure you understand all the vocabulary connected with tweeting. Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

to tweet	to reposted someone else's comment.
Twitter	an image you choose to represent yourself.
to retweet someone/a tweet	a public profile on Twitter displaying some personal info.
a tweet	to write a short comment on the site Twitter.
a retweet	<i>passive</i> , when your comment is posted by someone else.
a Twitter bio	a social networking site.
a profile picture	a short comment on the site Twitter.
to get retweeted (by someone)	a short comment by someone that has been reposted by someone else.

Can you pronounce the words above? Link the **bold** parts of the words to a phoneme below:

I sit fish with	e egg head bed	ə teacher doctor the	i: sea three me	aɪ eye sky five
Short Vowel Sounds			Long Vowel Sounds	

Video

Watch the video for the first time and choose a description of the video from the options below:

- a) The video is about Trump's fans and how they have very right-wing opinions.
- b) The video shows that Trump is different from other politicians and is able to use social media to conduct international politics.
- c) The video is critical of Trump's use of Twitter, often retweeting random tweets when he should be doing more important things.

Vocabulary

Below are some useful words and phrases from the video. Read the vocabulary, make sure you understand it and try to remember who in the video used it and why.

 <p>The Teacher</p>	 <p>The Couple Watching TV</p>	 <p>The Pair on a Date</p>
 <p>Kellyann and Trump</p>	 <p>The Two Advisers</p>	

a cool person • to attract psychos • business conflicts • Anaheim Ducks • to distract the media • an ugly picture • to have health care • unemployment at a nine-year low • a random kid in high school • Chief Strategist, Steve Bannon • to turn off a phone • to text someone • to build a wall • to fill someone in on something • Iran is incredibly volatile • to drain the swamp • to have someone's undivided attention • a security briefing • to get to work • a skull with two big guns going through its head • a plate of mashed potato

Now watch the video again and see if you were correct.

Pronunciation (Optional)

Add more vocabulary to the phoneme chart from earlier:

psycho	business	to distract	the media	a picture	health
nine	a kid	high school	chief	to text	to build
head	to fill in	volatile	undivided	attention	security

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Grammar, "I have just..."

Look at the extracts from the video:

Kellyann, I **just retweeted**
the best tweet...



Woah! I **just got**
retweeted...



Woah! I **just got**
retweeted...



We can use the word *just* with the **present perfect** and the **past simple** to talk about actions that happened a very short time ago.

In the present perfect, *just* comes between the auxiliary verb ('have') and the past participle. In the past simple, put *just* before the verb.

Traditionally, in British English, the past simple is incompatible with *just*. Some grammar books will tell you to say "I have just sold my house" but not "I just sold my house". However, increasingly, especially in American English, *just* is used with the past simple, as in the video.

The meaning of *just* when used with the present perfect or the past simple is the same; the action has happened very recently.

Be careful! Look at the example from the video below. How is the use of *just* with the present perfect different in meaning and position?



Sorry, I just hadn't heard it
put in weeks before!

Grammar Practice, *What's just happened?*

Your teacher will give you some cards with events written on them:

You have just passed your driving test.

Write three changes in your life after the event has taken place. Don't make your clues too easy or too difficult:

1. I can go anywhere I want, whenever I want.
2. I don't have to wait at the bus stop every morning.
3. I don't have as much money as I used to!

Read out your clues to a partner/the class and let them guess what your event is:

You have just been fired...

You have just bought a car...

No, I haven't. Try again.

You're very close, try again...

Pronunciation Extra

If you want to improve your pronunciation, why not download the British Council Phonemic Chart?
<http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/phonemic-chart>

TEACHER'S SHEET, *What's Just Happened* Cards

Cut the cards out and distribute. Please check all cards for suitability. Why not use some of your own ideas or write some more using vocabulary you have recently used in class!

<p>YOU HAVE JUST GOT MARRIED</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>YOU HAVE JUST GOT A RAISE</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>YOU HAVE JUST BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE USA</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>YOU HAVE JUST JOINED TWITTER</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>YOU HAVE JUST STARTED A STRICT DIET</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>YOU HAVE JUST MOVED TO THE COUNTRYSIDE</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>YOU HAVE JUST GIVEN UP SMOKING</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>YOU HAVE JUST BECOME A PARENT</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>

<p>YOU HAVE JUST MOVED ABROAD</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>YOU HAVE JUST CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>YOU HAVE JUST WON THE LOTTERY</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>YOU HAVE JUST TAKEN PART IN A REALITY TV SHOW</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>YOU HAVE JUST GOT OUT OF PRISON</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>YOU HAVE JUST BROKEN YOUR LEG</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>YOU HAVE JUST GRADUTED FROM UNIVERSITY</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>YOU HAVE JUST STARTED A BUSINESS</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>