**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Your TikTok FYP**

**Voor de docent**

Veel zorgen alom over sociale media, ook TikTok. We moeten leren hoe we deze platforms meer naar onze hand kunnen zetten. Het heft weer in handen nemen.

**ERK-niveau – Lezen B2**

Oriënterend lezen: Kan snel de inhoud en relevantie herkennen van nieuwsberichten, artikelen en verslagen over uiteenlopende professionele onderwerpen en dan beslissen of nadere bestudering de moeite waard is. (LEB2-2b)

Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan literaire en non-fictie teksten lezen met een redelijke mate van begrip voor het geheel en voor details. (LEB2-3b)

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

*Do you love TikTok? How do you use it?*

Assignment 1

a Acronyms are words which are formed from the first letters of other words.  
You probably know PIN, which is short for **P**ersonal **I**dentification **N**umber.  
Write down what the following acronyms stand for:  
*NATO  
GIF  
ATM  
POTUS  
ASAP*

b Name 2 or more other acronyms you know.

**Your TikTok fyp**

TikTok is owned by a Chinese company. In the United States, some people think the app is dangerous for the safety of the country. They are afraid China is spying on them through TikTok. Or maybe influencing users with the videos they see on their fyp (For You Page).

TikTok fyp is the first page you see when you open the TikTok app. It shows you videos you might like.

Find out more [about TikTok’s fyp in this article](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zc7pg2p).

Assignment 2

a Read the text. Find (and mark) the following words in the text:

*pranks – echo chamber – creators – factors – (to) favourite – interaction – stuck – (to) prefer – confirms – (to) challenge – out of your hands – (to) tailor – reversed*

b Match the above words and expressions with their correct definitions.

1. action or activity on an online platform
2. to change so that something is more the way you like it
3. changed back to how it was before
4. elements, aspects
5. in a place or situation that is difficult to get out of
6. to like one thing better than another thing
7. to make you have questions or doubts about something
8. makes you believe something even more strongly
9. to mark as something you like
10. no longer controlled by you
11. people who make things
12. a space where somebody reads or hears only opinions and beliefs similar to their own
13. tricks that are done to someone, usually as a joke

Assignment 3

a Choose the description that fits the article best.

1 Discover why your TikTok For You Page may change and learn how to reset it.

2 Find out how your TikTok For You Page works and if you can control what you get to see.

3 Learn how to use the TikTok algorithm to boost your TikTok visibility.

4 Understand how TikTok’s For You Page can help accounts of any size reach millions of viewers.

b Can you control which videos are recommended on your For You Page?

1 It is difficult, but you can influence it a bit with your likes, bookmarks, shares and comments.

2 No, only TikTok’s algorithm controls which videos you are recommended.

3 Only if you know a good tailor who will help you control your TikTok For You Page.

4 Yes, definitely, you just have to take steps to be technically in control again.

c What is confirmation bias?

1 When you only like, share, favourite or comment on videos.

2 When people only read opinions or beliefs similar to theirs, like in an echo chamber.

3 When we prefer the information or news that confirms what we already believe.

4 When you refresh your feed a warning that this action cannot be reversed.

d Write down the acronym or acronyms that are used in the article.