

## The agony of trying to by James Veitch



#### WARM-UP:

## 1. Discuss the following online marketing methods and think about their pros and cons:

	PROS	CONS
Facebook/Google Ads		
Facebook fanpage		
Newsletters		
Sponsored blog posts		
Viral videos		

Which of the techniques above do you find the most effective and which the most annoying?

g) hate

## **VOCABULARY:**

7. query

2.	Match	the s	ynonyi	ns from	both co	lumns
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- overload
  predominantly
  question
  resent
  bottom line
  deteriorate
  mundane
  excess
  question
  get worse
  dull, ordinary
  essence, core, main idea
  mainly
- 3. Put the words from points 1-7 in exercise 2 in the sentences below:
- c) Just as today, in the past a great deal of rubbish was generated by the ...... activities of everyday existence.

d) People say we live in an age of informati
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...... Right? I don't know about that, but I just know that I get too many marketing emails

e) By 1987 the relationship between the two families had ......

f) They wanted me to skip the overview of the experiment and get to the

g) Anarchists may also seem to ...... almost any form of control.







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### LISTENING COMPREHENSION:

4.	watch the 12D Talk and note down the answer to these questions.
a)	Why did James Veitch pretend to die when he was a child?
b)	What did James hate about receiving a marketing email?
c)	How many times did James try to unsubscribe?
d)	What did James offer to prepare for the shop opening?
e)	What game did James come up with after the shop was opened?
f)	How does James' program work?

### **DISCUSSION:**

## 5. Consider the points below:

- What do you think about the final sentence from the video?:
   "If ever you feel weighed down by the bureaucracy and often mundanity of modern
   life, don't fight the frustration. Let it be the catalyst for whimsy" (whimsy = unusual,
   funny, and pleasant ideas)
- What kind of newsletters have you registered for? Do you keep track of them?
- How often do you unsubscribe from marketing emails you get?
- What's most irritating in email marketing?
- What do you think is the difference between email marketing and spam?
- How successful do you think marketing emails are? Have you ever bought something as a result of a marketing email?

