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EXERCISE 1: Use of social media for information - advantages and disadvantages

Get the student to work in pairs or in a team to discuss the following points:

Journalists do use social media in research ... often to get responses from the public to add colour to a story and find case studies.

How does audience response feed into the story in the game - is it always helpful?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of getting information from social media platforms?

Find a news story that featured audience responses from social media or other platforms? How did the information on social media enhance or distract from the story?