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Disney bans selfie sticks at theme parks

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THE READING

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Disney will ban selfie sticks at its theme parks from July the 1st. It is the latest company to ban the sticks. Universal Studios was one of the first companies. Many museums also ban them. Disney said the ban was because the sticks were dangerous for customers and workers. It said Disney gives a great experience for the entire family, but selfie sticks have become a growing safety concern for guests and staff.

Selfie sticks have become very popular recently. People use them to take photos of themselves to put on social media sites. Even the president of the USA does it. However, many people are getting angry, especially at tourist attractions. One passenger used a selfie stick on a Disney rollercoaster and shut the ride down for nearly an hour. The PC World magazine has an answer: "Maybe you should...use the selfie sticks that we're all born with - your arms."

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/26/us-usa-florida-selfie-idUSKBN0P629720150626>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Disney will ban selfie sticks | a. company to ban the sticks |
| 2. from | b. also ban them |
| 3. It is the latest | c. staff |
| 4. one of | d. for customers |
| 5. Many museums | e. at its theme parks |
| 6. the sticks were dangerous | f. concern |
| 7. a growing safety | g. the first companies |
| 8. guests and | h. July the 1st |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Selfie sticks have become | a. attractions |
| 2. People use them to take | b. media sites |
| 3. social | c. with - your arms |
| 4. Even the president of the USA | d. very popular recently |
| 5. many people are getting | e. nearly an hour |
| 6. tourist | f. photos of themselves |
| 7. hut the ride down for | g. does it |
| 8. use the selfie sticks that we're all born | h. angry |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Disney will ban selfie sticks (1) _____ from July the 1st. It is (2) _____ to ban the sticks. Universal Studios (3) _____ first companies. Many museums (4) _____. Disney said the ban was because the sticks were dangerous for customers and workers. It said Disney gives (5) _____ for the entire family, but selfie sticks have become a growing safety (6) _____ and staff.

Selfie sticks have become (7) _____. People use them to take photos of themselves to (8) _____ sites. Even the president of the USA does it. However, many people are getting angry, especially at (9) _____. One passenger used a selfie stick on a Disney rollercoaster and (10) _____ down for nearly an hour. The PC World magazine (11) _____: "Maybe you should...use the selfie sticks that (12) _____ - your arms."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks-1.html>

Write about **selfies** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
