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## **Level 2**

### **Bulgarian radio can play modern music again**

**3rd March, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170303-radio-2.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170303-radio-2.html>

Modern music is now on Bulgarian radio again. For two months, listeners could only listen to classical music or folk songs that were over 70 years old. A copyright dispute meant the Bulgarian National Radio (BNR) could not play pop music. Listeners could only listen to music that was recorded before World War II. In the European Union, copyright disappears 70 years after an artist's death. BNR signed a deal with the copyright organization and will pay more royalty fees. These fees go to the singer, composer or songwriter of a song or a piece of music every time the radio plays their song.

During the two-month dispute, the number of listeners to BNR's shows increased by 20 per cent. It seems many listeners are more interested in listening to older music like Bulgarian folk tunes, classical music and pre-war jazz than Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. BNR is now thinking about changing the music it plays on its shows. The boss of BNR, Aleksandar Velev, said there could be new radio stations. Mr Velev told reporters: "We will not change the profiles of the current radio shows. Instead, we will launch new radio stations with more types of music."

Sources: <http://www.novinite.com/articles/179044/Bulgaria's+Public+Radio+Brings+Contemporary+Music+Back+on+Air>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-39104260>  
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/lifestyle/bulgarian-radio-station-sees-boost-in-listeners-after-pop-music-ban-1.3301694>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170303-radio-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Modern music is now on  | a. fees                  |
| 2. A copyright             | b. of music              |
| 3. music that was recorded | c. plays their song      |
| 4. BNR signed              | d. dispute               |
| 5. pay more royalty        | e. Bulgarian radio again |
| 6. the singer, composer or | f. a deal                |
| 7. a piece                 | g. before World War II   |
| 8. every time the radio    | h. songwriter            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. During the                   | a. new radio stations    |
| 2. the number of listeners to   | b. to older music        |
| 3. more interested in listening | c. of BNR                |
| 4. folk                         | d. of music              |
| 5. thinking about changing the  | e. two-month dispute     |
| 6. The boss                     | f. music it plays        |
| 7. we will launch               | g. tunes                 |
| 8. more types                   | h. BNR's shows increased |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170303-radio-2.html>

Modern (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Bulgarian radio again. For two months, listeners could (2) \_\_\_\_\_ classical music or folk songs that were over 70 years old. A copyright (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Bulgarian National Radio (BNR) could not play pop music. Listeners could only listen to music that was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ World War II. In the European Union, copyright disappears 70 years after an artist's death. BNR signed a deal with the copyright organization (5) \_\_\_\_\_ royalty fees. These fees go to the singer, composer or songwriter of a song or a piece of music every time the radio (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

During the (7) \_\_\_\_\_, the number of listeners to BNR's shows increased by 20 per cent. It seems (8) \_\_\_\_\_ more interested in listening to older music like Bulgarian folk tunes, classical (9) \_\_\_\_\_ jazz than Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. BNR is now thinking about changing the music it (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The boss of BNR, Aleksandar Velev, said there could be new radio stations. Mr Velev told reporters: "We will not change (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the current radio shows. Instead, we will launch new radio stations with (12) \_\_\_\_\_ music."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# RADIO SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170303-radio-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about radio in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

