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Rugby players to hide tattoos in Japan

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THE READING

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Rugby players with tattoos will cover them up during next year's World Cup in Japan. The sport's governing body World Rugby wants to avoid offending people in Japan, where tattoos are a taboo in public. Tattoos are usually associated with yakuza crime gangs in Japan. Many swimming pools, gyms, bath houses and onsen in Japan ban people with tattoos from entering. However, in 2016, Japan's tourism agency asked onsen and gyms to relax their rules because tourists had tattoos for different reasons. The agency suggested giving tourists stickers to cover the tattoos.

The Rugby World Cup director Alan Gilpin said the teams understood the cultural sensitivity about tattoos. He said: "When we raised it with the teams...we were probably expecting a frustrated reaction from them, but there hasn't been." He said the players want to respect Japanese culture. Players will wear a vest used for watersports as a form of "self-policing". The All Blacks team from New Zealand said its players will comply with the request. It said: "We endeavor to be respectful of the local customs and culture, and this will be no different when we visit Japan."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Rugby players with tattoos will cover | a. from entering |
| 2. avoid offending | b. reasons |
| 3. yakuza crime | c. people |
| 4. ban people with tattoos | d. cover the tattoos |
| 5. Japan's tourism | e. rules |
| 6. relax their | f. gangs |
| 7. tourists had tattoos for different | g. agency |
| 8. giving tourists stickers to | h. them up |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. cultural | a. policing |
| 2. When we raised it | b. customs |
| 3. a frustrated | c. with the teams |
| 4. players want to | d. different |
| 5. a form of self- | e. reaction |
| 6. its players will comply | f. sensitivity |
| 7. be respectful of the local | g. with the request |
| 8. this will be no | h. respect Japanese culture |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Rugby players with tattoos (1) _____ up during next year's World Cup in Japan. The sport's governing body World Rugby (2) _____ offending people in Japan, where tattoos are a taboo in public. Tattoos are (3) _____ yakuza crime gangs in Japan. Many swimming pools, gyms, bath houses and onsen in Japan ban people with (4) _____. However, in 2016, Japan's tourism agency asked onsen and gyms to (5) _____ because tourists had tattoos for different reasons. The agency suggested giving tourists (6) _____ the tattoos.

The Rugby World Cup director Alan Gilpin said (7) _____ the cultural sensitivity about tattoos. He said: "When we raised it with the teams... (8) _____ expecting a frustrated reaction from them, but there hasn't been." He said the players (9) _____ Japanese culture. Players will (10) _____ used for watersports as a form of "self-policing". The All Blacks team from New Zealand said its players (11) _____ the request. It said: "We endeavor to be respectful (12) _____ customs and culture, and this will be no different when we visit Japan."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TATTOOS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tattoos 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) _____

