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Level 4 – 29th July, 2021

Pink offers to pay Norway's handball bikini fine

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210729-pink-4.html>

The singer Pink is involved in a beach handball sexism row. She offered to pay a fine the European Handball Federation (EHF) gave to Norway's women's team for not wearing bikini bottoms at the 2021 European Beach Handball Championships. The EHF fined the team \$1,765 for wearing "improper clothing". Men were allowed to wear shorts, but the women had to wear bikinis. Pink offered to pay the fine and said the EHF should be fined "for sexism".

Norway's handball federation said bikinis were "not appropriate clothing". Male players were allowed to wear shorts 10cm above the knee; while women were expected to wear very short tops and bikini bottoms "with a close fit and cut on an upward angle toward the top of the leg". Norway called the rule discriminatory and "completely ridiculous". It asked: "How many attitude changes are needed in the old-fashioned international patriarchy of sports?"

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The singer Pink | a. clothing |
| 2. She offered to | b. the fine |
| 3. not wearing bikini | c. pay a fine |
| 4. The EHF fined | d. fined for sexism |
| 5. wearing improper | e. bottoms |
| 6. Men were allowed | f. the team \$1,765 |
| 7. Pink offered to pay | g. is involved |
| 8. he EHF should be | h. to wear shorts |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. not appropriate | a. top of the leg |
| 2. wear shorts 10cm | b. discriminatory |
| 3. expected to wear very | c. clothing |
| 4. an upward angle toward the | d. patriarchy of sports |
| 5. Norway called the rule | e. above the knee |
| 6. completely | f. changes |
| 7. attitude | g. short tops |
| 8. the old-fashioned international | h. ridiculous |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The singer Pink is involved in a beach (1) _____. She offered to (2) _____ the European Handball Federation (EHF) gave to Norway's women's team (3) _____ bikini bottoms at the 2021 European Beach Handball Championships. The EHF fined the team \$1,765 for (4) _____. Men were allowed to wear shorts, but the women (5) _____ bikinis. Pink offered to pay the fine and said the EHF should be (6) _____.

Norway's handball federation said bikinis (7) _____ clothing". Male players were allowed to wear shorts 10cm (8) _____; while women were expected to wear very short tops and bikini bottoms "with a (9) _____ cut on an upward angle (10) _____ of the leg". Norway called the rule discriminatory (11) _____. It asked: "How many attitude changes are needed in (12) _____ international patriarchy of sports?"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEACH HANDBALL SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about beach handball 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) _____

