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**Level 1** – 30th August, 2021

## **ABBA to release first new music in 39 years**

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210830-abba-1.html>

The group ABBA are back. They will release new songs and a new album for the first time in 39 years. The Swedish group formed in 1972. They are one of the most successful pop groups ever. They are famous for songs like Dancing Queen. A romantic comedy film called Mamma Mia! was released in 2008. This had many of their biggest hits. The movie later became a stage show. It is one of the longest-running shows in London and on New York's Broadway.

ABBA just launched a website called ABBA Voyage. It is about a new mystery project. However, ABBA's guitarist accidentally said a new album will come this autumn. Fans may be disappointed to learn that ABBA will not be in a new stage show. Instead, there will be digital, lifelike avatars of each group member. The avatars have the nickname "ABBAatars". There will be eight shows a week. They will be in a special, new theatre in London.

Sources: <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/abba-to-release-first-new-music-in-39-years-and-announces-hologram-show-in-london/ar-AANMD7Q>  
<https://www.the-sun.com/entertainment/3548013/inside-abba-voyage-show-comeback/>  
<https://variety.com/2021/music/news/abba-new-music-1235049678/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210830-abba-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The group ABBA are             | a. their biggest hits |
| 2. They will release new          | b. running shows      |
| 3. The Swedish group formed       | c. comedy film        |
| 4. the most successful pop groups | d. songs              |
| 5. A romantic                     | e. ever               |
| 6. This had many of               | f. a stage show       |
| 7. The movie later became         | g. in 1972            |
| 8. It is one of the longest-      | h. back               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. ABBA just launched             | a. "ABBAatars"       |
| 2. It is about a new              | b. guitarist         |
| 3. ABBA's                         | c. a week            |
| 4. Fans may be disappointed       | d. a website         |
| 5. lifelike avatars of each group | e. theatre in London |
| 6. The avatars have the nickname  | f. to learn that     |
| 7. There will be eight shows      | g. member            |
| 8. in a special, new              | h. mystery project   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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ABBA just launched (7) \_\_\_\_\_ ABBA Voyage. It is about a (8) \_\_\_\_\_. However, ABBA's guitarist accidentally said a new album will (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Fans may be disappointed to learn that ABBA will not be in a new stage show. Instead, there (10) \_\_\_\_\_, lifelike avatars of each group member. The avatars (11) \_\_\_\_\_ "ABBA-tars". There will be eight shows a week. They will be in a special, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ London.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# POP MUSIC SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210830-abba-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about pop music 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210830-abba-1.html>

Write about **pop music** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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