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Level 0

Bulgarian radio can play modern music again

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170303-radio-0.html>

Pop music is back on Bulgarian radio. For two months, there was only 70-year-old classical or folk music, recorded before World War II. Copyright meant the Bulgarian National Radio (BNR) could not play pop music. BNR said it would pay more royalties. This is the money singers get every time a radio station plays their songs.

In the past two months, the number of listeners to BNR went up by 20%. Perhaps people like older music like Bulgarian folk songs, classical music and pre-war jazz more than Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. The boss of BNR said there could be new radio stations with different 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-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Pop music is back | a. get every time |
| 2. For | b. before World War II |
| 3. classical | c. plays their songs |
| 4. recorded | d. or folk music |
| 5. could not play | e. on Bulgarian radio |
| 6. it would pay | f. two months |
| 7. the money singers | g. more royalties |
| 8. a radio station | h. pop music |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. In the past | a. by 20% |
| 2. the number | b. of music |
| 3. went up | c. songs |
| 4. Perhaps people like older | d. of listeners |
| 5. folk | e. war jazz |
| 6. pre- | f. two months |
| 7. The boss | g. music |
| 8. different types | h. of BNR |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pop music (1) _____ Bulgarian radio. For two months, (2) _____ 70-year-old classical or folk music, (3) _____ World War II. Copyright meant the Bulgarian National Radio (BNR) (4) _____ pop music. BNR said it would (5) _____. This is the money singers get (6) _____ radio station plays their songs.

In the past two months, (7) _____ listeners to BNR (8) _____ 20%. Perhaps people like older music like Bulgarian folk songs, (9) _____ and pre-war jazz (10) _____ Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. The boss of BNR (11) _____ be new radio stations with different (12) _____.

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) _____

