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Level 0 – 11th April 2024

Chechnya bans music that is too slow or too fast

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo-0.html>

Chechnya has banned songs that are too fast or too slow.

It said all music must have a tempo of between 80 to 116 beats per minute. However, Russia's national anthem is 76 beats per minute. People do not know if they can play it. It seems likely the national anthem will not follow the new rule.

The music ban is to protect Chechnya's culture and heritage. The Moscow Times said it was to remove Westernization. Chechnya's leader said "Borrowing musical culture from other people's is [not allowed]." Local artists must rewrite their songs to follow the new rule. People will no longer be able to listen to techno music.

Sources: <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2024/04/05/chechnya-forbids-music-outside-80-116-bpm-tempo-a84755>
<https://www.politico.eu/article/culture-ministry-russian-republic-chechnya-ban-western-songs/>
<https://news.sky.com/story/chechnya-bans-music-that-is-too-fast-or-too-slow-13110266>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Chechnya has | a. likely |
| 2. too fast | b. rule |
| 3. a tempo | c. they can play it |
| 4. 76 beats | d. or too slow |
| 5. People do not know if | e. of between 80 to 116 |
| 6. It seems | f. anthem |
| 7. national | g. banned songs |
| 8. follow the new | h. per minute |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The music | a. from other people's |
| 2. culture and | b. able to |
| 3. it was to remove | c. heritage |
| 4. Borrowing musical culture | d. music |
| 5. artists must | e. Westernization |
| 6. follow | f. ban |
| 7. People will no longer be | g. the new rule |
| 8. listen to techno | h. rewrite their songs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Chechnya (1) _____ that are too fast or too slow.

It said (2) _____ have a tempo of between 80 to

116 (3) _____. However, Russia's

(4) _____ 76 beats per minute. People do not

know if they can play it. (5) _____ the national

anthem will not (6) _____ rule.

The music ban (7) _____ Chechnya's culture and

heritage. The Moscow Times said (8) _____

remove Westernization. Chechnya's leader said "Borrowing

(9) _____ other people's is [not allowed]."

(10) _____ rewrite their songs to follow

(11) _____. People will no longer be able

(12) _____ techno music.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MUSIC SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about 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/2404/240411-music-tempo-0.html>

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