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Taylor Swift pulls album from Apple Music*

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* Apple has now decided to pay artists during the free trial and Taylor Swift has agreed to include her album on Apple Music.

THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift-2.html>

The pop star Taylor Swift has removed her album '1989' from Apple Music. The singer disagrees with how Apple is giving her music away for free. Apple Music is a new music streaming service. It starts on June 30th. Anyone can sign up for a trial and get the first three months for free. Swift says this is wrong. She said Apple should pay artists for these three months. After the trial period, there will be a monthly fee of \$9.99. Swift suggested that Apple was being greedy. She said: "We don't ask [Apple] for free iPhones. Please don't ask us to provide you with our music for [free]."

Swift criticised Apple Music in a letter. She wrote: "Apple Music will not be paying writers, producers, or artists for those three months." She added that Apple was being "unfair". She said: "I find it to be shocking, disappointing, and completely unlike this historically progressive and generous company." She also said Apple had the money to pay artists, saying: "We know how...successful Apple has been and we know that this incredible company has the money to pay artists....Three months is a long time to go unpaid, and it is unfair to ask anyone to work for nothing."

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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The singer disagrees | a. for free iPhones |
| 2. Anyone can sign | b. with how |
| 3. Apple should pay artists for | c. us to |
| 4. there will be a monthly | d. up for a trial |
| 5. Apple was being | e. music for free |
| 6. We don't ask Apple | f. greedy |
| 7. Please don't ask | g. these three months |
| 8. provide you with our | h. fee of \$9.99 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Swift criticised Apple Music | a. time to go unpaid |
| 2. She added that Apple was | b. has been |
| 3. Anyone can sign | c. nothing |
| 4. We know how successful Apple | d. being "unfair" |
| 5. incredible | e. in a letter |
| 6. Three months is a long | f. ask anyone |
| 7. it is unfair to | g. company |
| 8. work for | h. up for a trial |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Swift criticised Apple Music in a letter. She wrote: "Apple Music will (7) _____, producers, or artists for those three months." She added that Apple (8) _____. She said: "I find it to be shocking, disappointing, and completely unlike this historically (9) _____ company." She also said Apple had the money to pay artists, saying: "We know how...successful Apple has been (10) _____ this incredible company has the money (11) _____ ...Three months is a long time to go unpaid, and it is unfair to ask anyone (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
