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## **Level 2**

# **Disney bans selfie sticks at theme parks**

**30th June, 2015**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks-2.html>

Disney will ban selfie sticks at its theme parks worldwide from July the 1st. Disney has become the latest company to ban the sticks. Universal Studios was one of the first companies to ban them. Many museums also ban them. A Disney spokeswoman said the ban was because the sticks were dangerous for customers and workers. She said: "We strive to provide a great experience for the entire family, and unfortunately, selfie sticks have become a growing safety concern for both our guests and cast." Staff have had to stop rides because people were using selfie sticks on them.

Selfie sticks have become very popular recently. People with mobile cameras use them to take photos of themselves. It seems like everyone is taking self-portraits to put on social media sites. Even the president of the USA has been seen taking a selfie. However, many people are getting angry with selfie sticks, especially at tourist attractions. One passenger who used the stick on a Disney rollercoaster shut the ride down for nearly an hour. The PC World magazine has an answer to this problem. It wrote: "Maybe you should...use the selfie sticks that we're all born with - your arms."

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/26/us-usa-florida-selfie-idUSKBN0P629720150626>  
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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Disney will ban selfie sticks | a. company to ban the sticks |
| 2. from                          | b. for the entire family     |
| 3. Disney has become the latest  | c. concern                   |
| 4. Many museums                  | d. at its theme parks        |
| 5. the sticks were dangerous     | e. stop rides                |
| 6. provide a great experience    | f. July the 1st              |
| 7. become a growing safety       | g. for customers             |
| 8. Staff have had to             | h. also ban them             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. become very popular                       | a. for nearly an hour |
| 2. take photos of                            | b. self-portraits     |
| 3. everyone is taking                        | c. with - your arms   |
| 4. social                                    | d. angry              |
| 5. many people are getting                   | e. recently           |
| 6. tourist                                   | f. media              |
| 7. shut the ride down                        | g. attractions        |
| 8. use the selfie sticks that we're all born | h. themselves         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Selfie sticks have become (7) \_\_\_\_\_. People with mobile cameras use them to take photos of themselves. It seems like everyone is taking (8) \_\_\_\_\_ put on social media sites. Even the president of the USA (9) \_\_\_\_\_ taking a selfie. However, many people are getting angry with selfie sticks, especially (10) \_\_\_\_\_. One passenger who used the stick on a Disney rollercoaster shut the ride down for (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The PC World magazine has an answer to this problem. It wrote: "Maybe you should...use the selfie sticks that (12) \_\_\_\_\_ - your arms."

# 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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