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## **Level 2**

# **French radio wants to play English songs**

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# THE READING

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French radio stations are angry about a possible new government rule. DJs are already unhappy because they have to make sure that 40 per cent of the songs they play are in French. Now the government wants them to make sure the French songs are not the same popular hits or get a fine. Radio bosses say the new rule will make French people switch to music streaming services instead of listening to the radio to listen to American or British songs. Many French artists, such as Daft Punk and Phoenix, already sing in English so they can be popular around the world.

France says the new law is to protect its culture from American and British influences. It wants to stop the English language from getting deeper into French culture. The French music industry said the new law is necessary for the French language and French music. He said both "would lose out" if radio stations were, "allowed to do what they want when it comes to language". French musicians say the law is important to protect French musicians. One musician said: "It remains fundamental for French artists to have the chance of making a career out of music."

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# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. angry about a possible new         | a. English          |
| 2. they have to                       | b. hits             |
| 3. 40 per cent of the songs they play | c. services         |
| 4. popular                            | d. around the world |
| 5. music streaming                    | e. to the radio     |
| 6. listening                          | f. government rule  |
| 7. sing in                            | g. make sure        |
| 8. be popular                         | h. are in French    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. protect                 | a. protect French musicians |
| 2. British                 | b. out                      |
| 3. getting deeper          | c. do what they want        |
| 4. the new law             | d. out of music             |
| 5. both would lose         | e. influences               |
| 6. allowed to              | f. its culture              |
| 7. the law is important to | g. is necessary             |
| 8. making a career         | h. into French culture      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# 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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g)

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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).

a)

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c)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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