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Rugby players to hide tattoos in Japan

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Rugby players with tattoos will cover them up at next year's World Cup in Japan. World Rugby wants to avoid upsetting people in Japan. Tattoos are a taboo and are usually associated with yakuza crime gangs in Japan. Many spas and pools ban people with tattoos. However, in 2016, Japan's tourism agency asked these places to relax their rules. It said tourists had tattoos for different reasons. It suggested giving tourists stickers to cover the tattoos.

World Rugby said the teams understood the cultural sensitivity about tattoos. It said none of the competing players had a problem with covering their tattoos. They want to respect Japanese culture. Players will wear a watersports vest as a form of "self-policing". New Zealand's All Blacks team said its players would follow the request and would, "endeavor to be respectful of the local customs and culture" when the team visits Japan.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. rugby players with tattoos will | a. people with tattoos |
| 2. avoid upsetting people | b. different reasons |
| 3. yakuza crime | c. cover them up |
| 4. spas and pools ban | d. to cover the tattoos |
| 5. Japan's tourism | e. gangs |
| 6. relax their | f. agency |
| 7. tourists had tattoos for | g. in Japan |
| 8. giving tourists stickers | h. rules |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. cultural | a. policing |
| 2. none of the competing | b. and culture |
| 3. a problem with covering | c. sensitivity |
| 4. respect Japanese | d. visits Japan |
| 5. a form of self- | e. culture |
| 6. its players would follow | f. their tattoos |
| 7. respectful of the local customs | g. the request |
| 8. when the team | h. players |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Rugby players with tattoos will (1) _____ at next year's World Cup in Japan. World Rugby (2) _____ upsetting people in Japan. Tattoos are a taboo (3) _____ associated with yakuza crime gangs in Japan. Many spas and pools (4) _____ tattoos. However, in 2016, Japan's tourism agency asked these places to (5) _____. It said tourists had tattoos for different reasons. It suggested giving tourists (6) _____ the tattoos.

World Rugby said the teams understood (7) _____ about tattoos. It said (8) _____ competing players had a problem (9) _____ tattoos. They want to respect Japanese culture.

Players will wear a watersports vest (10) _____ of "self-policing". New Zealand's All Blacks team said its players would (11) _____ and would, "endeavor to be respectful of the local customs and culture" (12) _____ visits Japan.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TATTOOS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about tattoos 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) _____

