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Level 4 U.S. rock group banned from Russia

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Please try the harder Level 5 and the 26-page Level 6.



THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130806-music_festival-4.html

An American rock group have been banned from playing at a music festival in Russia after a band member put the Russian flag inside his pants. Bass player Jared Hasselhoff put the flag into the front of his pants and pulled it out the back a concert in the Ukraine. He told the crowd, "Don't tell Putin". Russia's Culture Minister called the band "idiots" and banned them from playing at a Russian music festival. Hasselhoff later apologised for his actions.

The band may face criminal charges. A Russian official tweeted: "For such pranks they should be behind bars." A Russian lawmaker said that abusing the Russian flag is a crime. He said: "We will do our best to identity and bring to court every person involved." A comment on the Voice of Russia website called Hasselhoff's actions an "unpardonable and inexcusable criminal act" that broke Russian laws and insulted Russians worldwide.

Sources: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-23560474 http://en.ria.ru/russia/20130803/182565516/Russian-Lawmakers-Seek-Tough-Punishment-for-US-Rockers-Over-Flag-Desecration.html http://english.ruvr.ru/news/2013_08_04/Americas-Bloodhound-Gang-cut-short-stay-in-Russiaover-flag-incident-7511/

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	playing at	a.	member
2	band	b.	playing
3.	bass	c.	the band "idiots"
4.	Russia's Culture Minister called	d.	for his actions
5.	banned them from	e.	a music festival
6.	Hasselhoff later apologised	f.	player

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	The band may face	a.	inexcusable criminal act
2	For such pranks they should be	b.	Russians worldwide
3.	abusing the Russian flag	c.	behind bars
4.	bring to court every	d.	is a crime
5.	an unpardonable and	e.	criminal charges
6.	insulted	f.	person involved

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An A	merican ro	ock group	have (1)			playir	ng at a	music
festiv	val in Russ	ia after a	band (2)			Russia	an flag i	inside
his	pants.	Bass	player	Jared	Hasselhoff	put	the	flag
(3) _			his pa	ants and	pulled it out	the back	a conc	ert in
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Minis	ter (5)			and	banned the	m from	playing	at a
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The	band may	(7)			A Russian	official t	weeted	: "For
such	pranks th	ey shoul	d (8)		"	' A Russia	an lawr	naker
(9) _			Russi	an flag is	a crime. He	said: "W	/e will d	lo our
best	to (10)			C	ourt every	person	involve	d." A
comr	nent on t	the Voice	e of Russ	ia websi	te called Ha	sselhoff's	s actior	ns an
"unp	ardonable	and (11)		" tha	it broke	Russian	laws
and ([12]							

NATIONAL FLAGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about national flags in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

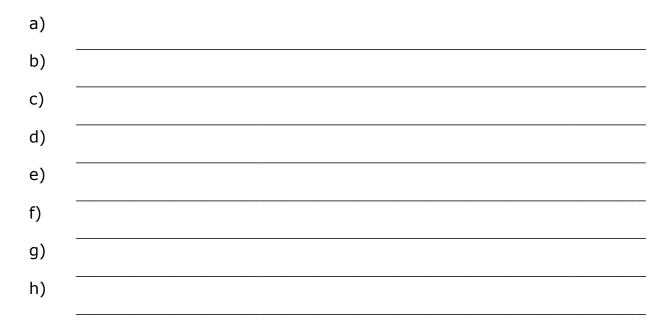
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	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).



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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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



FREE WRITING

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Write about **national flags** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
