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Level 0

Tourist deported for Buddha tattoo

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1404/140425-cultural-awareness-0.html>

A British tourist must leave Sri Lanka because of her Buddha tattoo. She was arrested at the airport. She is waiting for a plane back to the U.K. Passport workers said the tattoo hurt Sri Lankan culture and religion. Most Sri Lankans are Buddhist. They think a tattoo of Buddha is bad. The woman did not think her tattoo was bad.

Tourists in Sri Lanka sometimes get in trouble. One had to leave for being rude to passport officers. Three others kissed a Buddha statue and nearly went to prison. R&B star Akon could not get a Sri Lanka visa. A video for his song showed a party in front of a statue of Buddha. Tourists should not take photos in front of Buddha statues.

Sources: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/south-asia/british-national-arrested-for-sporting-buddha-tattoo/article5938200.ece>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A British tourist must | a. and religion |
| 2. She was arrested | b. waiting |
| 3. She is | c. was bad |
| 4. a plane back | d. at the airport |
| 5. hurt Sri Lankan culture | e. not think |
| 6. Most Sri Lankans | f. leave Sri Lanka |
| 7. The woman did | g. to the U.K. |
| 8. her tattoo | h. are Buddhist |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Tourists in | a. of Buddha statues |
| 2. get in | b. a Sri Lanka visa |
| 3. One had to leave for | c. officers |
| 4. passport | d. trouble |
| 5. nearly went | e. photos |
| 6. R&B star Akon could not get | f. Sri Lanka |
| 7. Tourists should not take | g. to prison |
| 8. in front | h. being rude |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A British (1) _____ Sri Lanka because of her Buddha tattoo. She was (2) _____ airport. She is waiting (3) _____ to the U.K. Passport workers said (4) _____ Sri Lankan culture and religion. Most Sri Lankans are Buddhist. They (5) _____ of Buddha is bad. The woman (6) _____ tattoo was bad.

Tourists in Sri Lanka sometimes (1) _____. One had to leave (2) _____ to passport officers. Three (3) _____ Buddha statue and nearly went to prison. R&B star Akon could not (4) _____. A video for his song showed a party (5) _____ statue of Buddha. Tourists should (6) _____ front of Buddha statues.

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) _____

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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) _____

