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## **Level 2**

# **Tourist deported for Buddha tattoo**

**25th April, 2014**

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# THE READING

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A British tourist must leave Sri Lanka for having a Buddha tattoo on her arm. Naomi Coleman, 37, was arrested at Sri Lanka's international airport. She is waiting at a centre in the airport for a flight back to the U.K. Officials told her that the tattoo disrespected Sri Lankan culture. A police spokesman said the tattoo hurt "others' religious feelings". Most Sri Lankans are Buddhist and respect images and statues of Buddha. They would think anyone with a Buddha tattoo is culturally insensitive. Coleman said she practised Buddhism and did not think her tattoo was bad.

Tourists have got in trouble before for not understanding Sri Lankan culture. A Briton got deported last year for speaking disrespectfully to passport officials. The BBC said three French tourists got prison sentences for kissing a Buddha statue. A British newspaper reports that in 2010, R&B star Akon could not get a visa to visit Sri Lanka because of a video for his song Sexy Chick. The video showed a pool party in front of a statue of Buddha. A British website warns people who visit Sri Lanka not to pose for photos in front of statues of the Buddha.

Sources: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/south-asia/british-national-arrested-for-sporting-buddha-tattoo/article5938200.ece>  
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/naomi-michelle-coleman-british-woman-3442053#ixzz2zg9XKUUnT>  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/british-tourist-deported-from-sri-lanka-for-having-a-buddha-tattoo-9274681.html>

# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Naomi Coleman, 37, was | a. feelings          |
| 2. a flight               | b. a Buddha tattoo   |
| 3. A police               | c. arrested          |
| 4. hurt others' religious | d. Buddhism          |
| 5. respect images and     | e. back to the U.K.  |
| 6. anyone with            | f. insensitive       |
| 7. culturally             | g. spokesman         |
| 8. she practised          | h. statues of Buddha |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Tourists have got         | a. of Buddha             |
| 2. not understanding         | b. to passport officials |
| 3. A Briton got deported     | c. Sri Lankan culture    |
| 4. speaking disrespectfully  | d. for photos            |
| 5. prison                    | e. to visit Sri Lanka    |
| 6. Akon could not get a visa | f. in trouble before     |
| 7. in front of a statue      | g. sentences             |
| 8. pose                      | h. last year             |

# 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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f)

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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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