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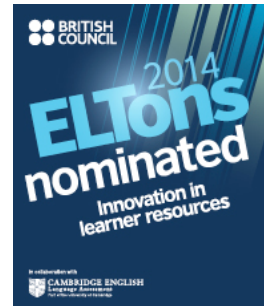
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Level 3

Tourist deported for Buddha tattoo

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THE ARTICLE

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

Sri Lanka will deport a British tourist for having a tattoo on her arm of the Buddha seated on a lotus flower. Naomi Coleman, 37, was arrested at Sri Lanka's international airport on Monday. She is currently at a centre in the airport waiting for a flight back to the U.K. Airport officials told Ms Coleman that her tattoo was disrespectful to Sri Lankan culture. A police spokesman said she was arrested for "hurting others' religious feelings". Most Sri Lankans are Buddhist and have deep respect for 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 would upset anyone.

This is not the first time that tourists have got in trouble for misunderstanding Sri Lankan culture. Another Briton was deported last year because he spoke disrespectfully when passport officials asked him about a Buddha tattoo on his arm. According to the BBC, three French tourists got prison sentences for kissing a Buddha statue. Britain's Independent newspaper reports that in 2010, R&B star Akon was told he 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 government 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>
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<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/british-tourist-deported-from-sri-lanka-for-having-a-buddha-tattoo-9274681.html>

WARM-UPS

1. SRI LANKA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Sri Lanka. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

depart / lotus / airport / flight / disrespectful / religious feelings / statues / insensitive / not the first time / passport / prison sentences / newspaper reports / visa / pose

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CULTURAL AWARENESS: Complete this table with your partner(s). Think of things to tell tourists in your country. Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Dos	Don'ts
Restaurants		
Clothes		
Beaches		
Religious places		
Alcohol		
Greeting people		

4. TATTOO: Students A **strongly** believe tattoos are great; Students B **strongly** believe they aren't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. CULTURAL NO-NO's: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest cultural no-no's at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- spitting
- touching people's head
- kissing in public
- shouting
- chewing gum
- asking someone's age
- being drunk
- being late

6. PASSPORT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "passport". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The tattoo was of Buddha sitting on top of a lotus flower. | T / F |
| b. The woman is waiting for a flight back to her last destination – India. | T / F |
| c. Officials said the tattoo showed no respect for Sri Lankan culture. | T / F |
| d. The woman practises Buddhism and thought the tattoo was OK. | T / F |
| e. This is the first time Sri Lanka has deported someone over a tattoo. | T / F |
| f. French tourists got prison sentences for kissing a statue of Buddha. | T / F |
| g. The R&B star got a visa for Sri Lanka to shoot a video for a song. | T / F |
| h. A British website said it's OK to pose for photos with a Buddha statue. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. seated | a. great |
| 2. currently | b. spend time in |
| 3. disrespectful | c. anger |
| 4. deep | d. presently |
| 5. upset | e. questioned |
| 6. trouble | f. cautions |
| 7. asked | g. sitting |
| 8. prison | h. rude |
| 9. visit | i. jail |
| 10. warns | j. difficulty |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. seated on a | a. to visit Sri Lanka |
| 2. waiting for a flight | b. statues of Buddha |
| 3. hurting others' | c. got in trouble |
| 4. images and | d. lotus flower |
| 5. culturally | e. back to the U.K. |
| 6. the first time that tourists have | f. sentences |
| 7. he spoke | g. for photos |
| 8. prison | h. insensitive |
| 9. he could not get a visa | i. disrespectfully |
| 10. pose | j. religious feelings |

GAP FILL

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

Sri Lanka will (1) _____ a British tourist for having a tattoo on her arm of the Buddha seated on a lotus flower. Naomi Coleman, 37, was (2) _____ at Sri Lanka's international airport on Monday. She is currently at a centre in the airport waiting for a (3) _____ back to the U.K. Airport officials told Ms Coleman that her tattoo was disrespectful to Sri Lankan (4) _____. A police spokesman said she was arrested for "hurting others' (5) _____ feelings". Most Sri Lankans are Buddhist and have deep respect for (6) _____ and statues of Buddha. They would think anyone with a Buddha tattoo is (7) _____ insensitive. Coleman said she practised Buddhism and did not think her tattoo would (8) _____ anyone.

culture
culturally
arrested
upset
deport
flight
religious
images

This is not the first time that tourists have got in (9) _____ for misunderstanding Sri Lankan culture. Another Briton was deported last year because he spoke disrespectfully when (10) _____ officials asked him about a Buddha tattoo on his arm. According to the BBC, three French tourists got (11) _____ sentences for kissing a Buddha statue. Britain's Independent newspaper (12) _____ that in 2010, R&B star Akon was told he could not get a (13) _____ to visit Sri Lanka because of a video for his song Sexy Chick. The video showed a pool party in front of a (14) _____ of Buddha. A British government website (15) _____ people who visit Sri Lanka not to (16) _____ for photos in front of statues of the Buddha.

visa
reports
passport
trouble
warns
pose
statue
prison

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) a tattoo on her arm of the Buddha seated on _____
 - a. a lotus flour
 - b. a lotus flower
 - c. a lotus flyer
 - d. a lotus flow are
- 2) She is currently at a centre in the airport waiting for _____ to the U.K.
 - a. a fight back
 - b. a flight backs
 - c. a flight back
 - d. a fightback
- 3) officials told Ms Coleman that her tattoo was disrespectful to _____
 - a. Sri Lankan cultured
 - b. Sri Lankan cultures
 - c. Sri Lankan cultural
 - d. Sri Lankan culture
- 4) A police spokesman said she was arrested for "hurting _____"
 - a. the others religious feelings
 - b. others' religion feelings
 - c. others' religious feeling
 - d. others' religious feelings
- 5) she practised Buddhism and did not think her tattoo _____
 - a. would upset anyone
 - b. would upsets anyone
 - c. would upset everyone
 - d. would upset anyone's
- 6) This is not the first time that tourists have _____
 - a. getting trouble
 - b. gotten trouble
 - c. got in trouble
 - d. get in trouble
- 7) Another Briton was deported last year because _____
 - a. he spoke disrespect fully
 - b. he spoke this respectfully
 - c. he spoke this respectful
 - d. he spoke disrespectfully
- 8) According to the BBC, three French tourists _____
 - a. got prison sentences
 - b. got prison paragraphs
 - c. got prison phrases
 - d. got prison clauses
- 9) R&B star Akon was told he could not get _____
 - a. a visit to visa
 - b. a visa to visit it
 - c. a visa to visit
 - d. a visa too visit
- 10) A British government website warns people who visit Sri Lanka not _____
 - a. to pose for photos
 - b. to prose for photos
 - c. to propose for photos
 - d. to purpose for photos

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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This is (7) _____ that tourists have got in trouble for misunderstanding Sri Lankan culture. Another Briton was deported last year because he (8) _____ when passport officials asked him about a Buddha tattoo on his arm. According to the BBC, three French tourists got (9) _____ for kissing a Buddha statue. Britain's Independent newspaper reports that in 2010, R&B star Akon was told he could not (10) _____ Sri Lanka because of a video for his song *Sexy Chick*. The video showed a pool party (11) _____ of Buddha. A British government website warns people who visit Sri Lanka not (12) _____ in front of statues of the Buddha.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where on the woman's body was the tattoo?

2. Where are Sri Lankan authorities sending the woman to?

3. What did a police spokesman say she hurt?

4. What do most Sri Lankans have a deep respect for?

5. What did the woman practise?

6. What is the nationality of a man who was deported last year?

7. What did tourists from France get prison sentences for?

8. When was the pop star Akon denied a tourist visa to Sri Lanka?

9. What did Akon's video show in front of a statue of Buddha?

10. What did a website advise tourists not to do in front of Buddha statues?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

1. Where on the woman's body was the tattoo?
 - a) her lower back
 - b) her arm
 - c) her upper back
 - d) her ankle
2. Where are Sri Lankan authorities sending the woman to?
 - a) India
 - b) prison
 - c) the U.K.
 - d) a temple
3. What did a police spokesman say she hurt?
 - a) a prison guard
 - b) her finger
 - c) a passport official
 - d) religious feelings
4. What do most Sri Lankans have a deep respect for?
 - a) tourists
 - b) images and statues of Buddha
 - c) the police
 - d) trees
5. What did the woman practise?
 - a) Buddhism
 - b) Sinhalese
 - c) meditation
 - d) yoga
6. What is the nationality of a man who was deported last year?
 - a) British
 - b) Indian
 - c) Hungarian
 - d) Uruguayan
7. What did tourists from France get prison sentences for?
 - a) their tattoos
 - b) shouting at passport officers
 - c) doing graffiti
 - d) kissing a Buddha statue
8. When was the pop star Akon denied a tourist visa to Sri Lanka?
 - a) 2008
 - b) 2009
 - c) 2010
 - d) 2011
9. What did Akon's video show in front of a statue of Buddha?
 - a) an Apple computer
 - b) a naked body
 - c) chickens
 - d) a party
10. What did a website advise tourists not to do in front of Buddha statues?
 - a) eat or drink
 - b) pose for photos
 - c) wear shorts
 - d) dance

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Spitting

You think spitting is the biggest cultural no-no. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so bad about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): kissing in public, being drunk or being late.

Role B – Kissing in public

You think kissing in public is the biggest cultural no-no. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so bad about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): spitting, being drunk or being late.

Role C – Being drunk

You think being drunk is the biggest cultural no-no. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so bad about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): kissing in public, spitting or being late.

Role D – Being late

You think being late is the biggest cultural no-no. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so bad about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): kissing in public, being drunk or spitting.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'lotus' and 'flower'.

lotus	flower

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• arm• Monday• flight• hurting• deep• anyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• time• last• three• 2010• pool• pose
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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.

TATTOOS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'tattoo'?
- c) What do you think of tattoos?
- d) Why do people have tattoos?
- e) Is it wrong to have a tattoo of religious icons?
- f) Was Sri Lanka right to deport the woman with the Buddha tattoo?
- g) Have you seen a tattoo you really didn't like?
- h) Do you think you are culturally sensitive?
- i) Have you had a misunderstanding with another culture?
- j) How do you think the woman feels now?

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TATTOOS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do tourists in your country do that makes you angry?
- c) How can countries make sure tourists know how to behave?
- d) What are big no-no's in your culture?
- e) Should airplanes show culture videos for passengers?
- f) Should countries be more understanding with tourists?
- g) Which countries do you think it is difficult to visit because of the culture?
- h) What would someone do to your religion to upset you?
- i) Are you surprised Akon could not get a visa?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the woman?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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This is not the first time that tourists have got (7) _____ trouble for misunderstanding Sri Lankan culture. Another Briton was deported last year because he spoke (8) _____ when passport officials asked him about a Buddha tattoo on his arm. According to the BBC, three French tourists got prison (9) _____ for kissing a Buddha statue. Britain's Independent newspaper reports that in 2010, R&B (10) _____ Akon was told he could not get a visa to visit Sri Lanka because of a video for his song Sexy Chick. The video (11) _____ a pool party in front of a statue of Buddha. A British government website warns people who visit Sri Lanka not to (12) _____ for photos in front of statues of the Buddha.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) deport | (b) depart | (c) depot | (d) report |
| 2. | (a) chaired | (b) cushioned | (c) seated | (d) stooled |
| 3. | (a) front | (b) forward | (c) back | (d) advance |
| 4. | (a) felts | (b) feelers | (c) feels | (d) feelings |
| 5. | (a) deep | (b) long | (c) wide | (d) tall |
| 6. | (a) reset | (b) upset | (c) onset | (d) outset |
| 7. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) up | (d) in |
| 8. | (a) disrespectful | (b) disrespectfully | (c) disrespected | (d) disrespect |
| 9. | (a) paragraphs | (b) clauses | (c) sentences | (d) phrases |
| 10. | (a) comet | (b) galaxy | (c) moon | (d) star |
| 11. | (a) uploaded | (b) watched | (c) looked | (d) showed |
| 12. | (a) hose | (b) pose | (c) nose | (d) rose |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. seaedt on a lotus flower
2. waiting for a hfilgt back to the U.K.
3. esulrfdctespi to Sri Lankan culture
4. she was tadrrsee
5. images and essatut
6. trayllucu insensitive

Paragraph 2

7. got in trouble for rsneidanigtdumsn
8. passport iaoisclff
9. cigacdnor to the BBC
10. French tourists got prison nsntescee
11. A British revegmtnon website
12. espo for photos

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () at a centre in the airport waiting for a flight back to the U.K. Airport officials told Ms Coleman that her
- () statues of Buddha. They would think anyone with a Buddha tattoo is culturally insensitive. Coleman
- () tattoo was disrespectful to Sri Lankan culture. A police spokesman said she was arrested for "hurting
- () flower. Naomi Coleman, 37, was arrested at Sri Lanka's international airport on Monday. She is currently
- () 2010, R&B star Akon was told he could not get a visa to visit Sri Lanka because of a video for
- () This is not the first time that tourists have got in trouble for misunderstanding Sri Lankan
- () his song Sexy Chick. The video showed a pool party in front of a statue of Buddha. A British
- () said she practised Buddhism and did not think her tattoo would upset anyone.
- () prison sentences for kissing a Buddha statue. Britain's Independent newspaper reports that in
- () culture. Another Briton was deported last year because he spoke disrespectfully when passport
- () others' religious feelings". Most Sri Lankans are Buddhist and have deep respect for images and
- (**1**) Sri Lanka will deport a British tourist for having a tattoo on her arm of the Buddha seated on a lotus
- () officials asked him about a Buddha tattoo on his arm. According to the BBC, three French tourists got
- () government website warns people who visit Sri Lanka not to pose for photos in front of statues of the Buddha.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. for Deport having a a British tattoo tourist.

2. for the a UK flight back Waiting to.

3. for others' feelings Arrested hurting religious.

4. respect and Buddha deep images of Have for statues.

5. Anyone is with culturally a insensitive Buddha tattoo.

6. the first time that tourists have got in trouble Not.

7. asked tattoo him about Passport a officials Buddha.

8. a prison kissing statue got for Buddha Tourists sentences.

9. not get a visa to visit Sri Lanka He could.

10. of statues of the Buddha Pose for photos in front.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Sri Lanka will *depart* / *deport* a British tourist for having a tattoo on her arm of the Buddha *seated* / *sits* on a lotus flower. Naomi Coleman, 37, was arrested at Sri Lanka's international airport on Monday. She is *currency* / *currently* at a centre in the airport waiting *to* / *for* a flight back to the U.K. Airport officials told Ms Coleman that her tattoo was *disrespectful* / *disrespected* to Sri Lankan culture. A police spokesman said she was *arrested* / *attested* for "hurting others' religious *feels* / *feelings*". Most Sri Lankans are Buddhist and have *deep* / *wide* respect for images and statues of Buddha. They would think anyone with a Buddha tattoo is *culturally* / *cultural* insensitive. Coleman said she practised Buddhism and did not think her tattoo would *upset* / *upend* anyone.

This is not the first *time* / *timely* that tourists have got *in* / *on* trouble for misunderstanding Sri Lankan culture. Another Briton was deported last year because he *talked* / *spoke* disrespectfully when passport officials asked him about a Buddha tattoo on his arm. According *of* / *to* the BBC, three French tourists got prison sentences *for* / *as* kissing a Buddha statue. Britain's Independent newspaper *reporters* / *reports* that in 2010, R&B star Akon was told he could not *get* / *issue* a visa to visit Sri Lanka because of a video for his song Sexy Chick. The video *showed* / *showered* a pool party in front of a statue of Buddha. A British government website *warns* / *warning* people who visit Sri Lanka not to *pose* / *prose* for photos in front of statues of the Buddha.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Sr_Lnk_wll dprt Br_tsh t_rst fr hvng ttt n hr rm f th Bddh_s_t_d_n l_t_s flwr. N_m Cl_m_n, 37, ws rrtst_d_t Sr_Lnk's nt_rn_t_n_l rprt n Mnd_y. Sh_s crrntly t_c_ntr_n th_rprt w_tng fr flght bck t th_.K. rprt_ff_c_ls tld Ms Cl_m_n th_t hr ttt ws dsr_spc_tfl_t Sr_Lnk_n c_ltr. p_l_c_spk_smn_s_d sh_ws rrtst_d fr "h_rtn_g_th_rs' r_l_g_s fl_ngs". M_st Sr_Lnk_ns r_Bddh_st_nd hv_d_p_r_spc_tfr_m_g_s nd st_t_s f Bddh. Th_y wld thnk ny_n w_th Bddh_ttt_s c_ltr_lly ns_nst_v. Cl_m_n_s_d sh_prc_t_s_d Bddh_smn_d d_n_t thnk hr ttt wld_pst_ny_n.

Th_s_s_n_t th_frst_t_m th_t t_rsts hv_g_t_n tr_b_l_f_r m_s_nd_rst_ndng Sr_Lnk_n c_ltr. n_th_r Br_t_n ws dprt_d l_st_y_r b_c_s_h_spk_dsr_spc_tflly wh_n p_ssp_r_t_ff_c_ls_skd_h_m_b_t_Bddh_ttt_n h_s_rm. cc_rdn_g_t th_BBC, thr_Frnch_t_rsts g_t pr_s_n_snt_nc_s f_r k_ssn_g_Bddh_st_t. Br_t_n's nd_p_ndnt_n_wsp_p_r_r_p_rts th_t_n 2010, R&B st_r_k_n ws tld h_c_ld_n_t_g_t_v_s_t_v_s_t Sr_Lnk_b_c_s_f_v_d_fr h_s_sng S_xy Ch_ck. Th_v_d_sh_w_d_p_l_p_rty_n frnt_fst_t_f Bddh. Br_tsh_g_v_rnmnt w_bst_w_rns p_pl wh_v_s_t Sr_Lnk_n_t_t_p_s_f_r ph_t_s_n frnt_fst_t_s_f th_Bddh.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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sri lanka will deport a british tourist for having a tattoo on her arm of the buddha seated on a lotus flower naomi coleman 37 was arrested at sri lanka's international airport on monday she is currently at a centre in the airport waiting for a flight back to the uk airport officials told ms coleman that her tattoo was disrespectful to sri lankan culture a police spokesman said she was arrested for "hurting others' religious feelings" most sri lankans are buddhist and have deep respect for 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 would upset anyone

this is not the first time that tourists have got in trouble for misunderstanding sri lankan culture another briton was deported last year because he spoke disrespectfully when passport officials asked him about a buddha tattoo on his arm according to the bbc three french tourists got prison sentences for kissing a buddha statue britain's independent newspaper reports that in 2010 r&b star akon was told he 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 government website warns people who visit sri lanka not to pose for photos in front of statues of the buddha

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Sri Lanka will deport a British tourist for having a tattoo on her arm of the Buddha seated on a lotus flower. Naomi Coleman, 37, was arrested at Sri Lanka's international airport on Monday. She is currently at a centre in the airport waiting for a flight back to the U.K. Airport officials told Ms Coleman that her tattoo was disrespectful to Sri Lankan culture. A police spokesman said she was arrested for "hurting others' religious feelings". Most Sri Lankans are Buddhist and have deep respect for 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 would upset anyone. This is not the first time that tourists have got in trouble for misunderstanding Sri Lankan culture. Another Briton was deported last year because he spoke disrespectfully when passport officials asked him about a Buddha tattoo on his arm. According to the BBC, three French tourists got prison sentences for kissing a Buddha statue. Britain's Independent newspaper reports that in 2010, R&B star Akon was told he 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 government website warns people who visit Sri Lanka not to pose for photos in front of statues of the Buddha.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TATTOOS: Make a poster about tattoos. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CULTURAL AWARENESS: Write a magazine article about cultural awareness and tourists. Include imaginary interviews with people who think airlines should show cultural awareness videos on their airplanes, and people who think this is a silly idea.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on cultural awareness. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make more people culturally aware. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b F c T d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. seated | a. sitting |
| 2. currently | b. presently |
| 3. disrespectful | c. rude |
| 4. deep | d. great |
| 5. upset | e. anger |
| 6. trouble | f. difficulty |
| 7. asked | g. questioned |
| 8. prison | h. jail |
| 9. visit | i. spend time in |
| 10. warns | j. cautions |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Her arm
2. The U.K.
3. People's (others') religious feelings
4. Images and statues of Buddha
5. Buddhism
6. British
7. Kissing a Buddha statue
8. 2010
9. A pool party
10. Pose for photos

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)