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Ed Sheeran takes a year's break from social media

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THE READING

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Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran is taking a break from social media. He is fed up with spending so much time looking at small screens. The international superstar has 16 million followers on Twitter and 5.5 million on Instagram. He has been active in updating his fans on his personal life, but now he wants to have a rest. He wrote on his Instagram account: "Hello all. I'm taking a break from my phone, e-mails and all social media for a while." He added: "I've had such an amazing [time] over the last five years but I find myself seeing the world through a screen and not my eyes."

Sheeran has been touring the world since August 2014. He apologised to his friends and family for his upcoming online absence. He wrote: "I'm taking this opportunity of me not having to be anywhere or do anything to travel the world and see everything I missed." The singer will also use his time off to have an operation. He burst an eardrum while doing a concert. He has good news for his millions of fans. He announced that his third album is on its way. He said it was the best thing he has produced so far. He thanked his fans and said he would be back next autumn.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-35086793>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. taking a break from | a. have a rest |
| 2. He is fed | b. followers |
| 3. international | c. up |
| 4. 16 million | d. through a screen |
| 5. his personal | e. amazing time |
| 6. he wants to | f. social media |
| 7. I've had such an | g. life |
| 8. seeing the world | h. superstar |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. touring the world | a. world |
| 2. He apologised | b. this opportunity |
| 3. I'm taking | c. next autumn |
| 4. travel the | d. an eardrum |
| 5. use his time | e. since August 2014 |
| 6. He burst | f. news |
| 7. good | g. to his friends |
| 8. he would be back | h. off |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Sheeran (7) _____ the world since August 2014. He apologised to his friends and family (8) _____ online absence. He wrote: "I'm taking this opportunity of me not (9) _____ anywhere or do anything to travel the world and see everything I missed." The singer will also use his time (10) _____ an operation. He burst an eardrum while doing a concert. He has good news (11) _____ of fans. He announced that his third album is on its way. He said it was the best thing (12) _____ so far. He thanked his fans and said he would be back next autumn.

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
