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THE READING

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A university in South Africa will no longer use titles like Mr, Ms or Mrs when it communicates with students. It wants to support people who are transgender. A statement read: "The university realizes that it is [upsetting] for a person who, for example, was...female at birth but identifies as male to be constantly addressed by [another] title." Transgender people are choosing the gender-neutral title "Mx". This is legal in many countries.

The decision is very popular. The university said it, "opposes all...discrimination on the basis of gender identity". An official said: "We want people in our university community to feel safe, supported and...respected." A law professor said the action was, "the most wonderful moment for true equality". She added: "It's a triumph for an understanding of the diversity of gender identity...and the right to be respected for whomever you are."

Sources: <https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2018-07-19-wits-drops-mr-ms-and-mrs-titles/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. when it communicates | a. another title |
| 2. It wants to | b. title "Mx" |
| 3. The university realizes that | c. support people |
| 4. female | d. in many countries |
| 5. constantly addressed by | e. it is upsetting |
| 6. Transgender | f. with students |
| 7. choosing the gender-neutral | g. people |
| 8. This is legal | h. at birth |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The decision is | a. equality |
| 2. it opposes all | b. community |
| 3. on the basis | c. whomever you are |
| 4. We want | d. very popular |
| 5. in our university | e. moment |
| 6. the most wonderful | f. discrimination |
| 7. true | g. people |
| 8. respected for | h. of gender |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A university in South Africa will (1) _____ titles like Mr, Ms or Mrs when it communicates with students. It wants to (2) _____ are transgender. A statement read: "The university (3) _____ is [upsetting] for a person who, for example, was...female at birth but identifies as male (4) _____ addressed by [another] title." Transgender people (5) _____ gender-neutral title "Mx". This is (6) _____ countries.

The (7) _____ popular. The university said it, "opposes all...discrimination on (8) _____ gender identity". An official said: "We want people in our university community (9) _____, supported and...respected." A law professor said the action was, "the most wonderful moment (10) _____". She added: "It's a triumph for an understanding (11) _____ of gender identity...and the right to be respected (12) _____ are."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TITLES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180725-titles-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about titles 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).

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) _____

