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Level 1 – 30th June, 2020

Egypt jails famous belly dancer for immorality

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200630-belly-dancing-1.html>

A belly dancer has been put in prison. A court in Egypt sentenced Sama el-Masry to three years, and fined her \$18,500. The police arrested her and charged her with "immorality". She posted videos on the website TikTok doing different belly dances. Egypt is cracking down on social media posts. Police said Ms El-Masry put "immoral" videos on social media. They said she was guilty of damaging Egypt's morals because the videos were of a sexual nature.

Sama el-Masry is 42 years old. She is a belly dancer and actress. She starred in a movie about the unfair treatment of female workers. It got lots of people talking about women in the workplace. She also got attacked in the past for posting videos about her political views. A lawyer defending Ms El-Masry said: "Our conservative society is struggling with technological changes which have created a completely different environment."

Sources: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1696436/middle-east>
<https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/89022/Sama-el-Masry-sentenced-to-3-years-in-prison-on>
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/06/egypt-court-jails-belly-dancer-debauchery-tiktok-post-200628004134084.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200630-belly-dancing-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A belly dancer has been put | a. sexual nature |
| 2. fined her | b. social media posts |
| 3. The police arrested | c. \$18,500 |
| 4. She posted videos on the | d. guilty |
| 5. cracking down on | e. website |
| 6. put "immoral" videos | f. her |
| 7. They said she was | g. on social media |
| 8. the videos were of a | h. in prison |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. She starred | a. in the past |
| 2. the unfair treatment | b. struggling |
| 3. It got lots | c. of female workers |
| 4. She also got attacked | d. environment |
| 5. posting videos about her political | e. changes |
| 6. Our conservative society is | f. in a movie |
| 7. technological | g. views |
| 8. created a completely different | h. of people talking |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200630-belly-dancing-1.html>

A belly dancer has been (1) _____. A court in Egypt sentenced Sama el-Masry (2) _____, and fined her \$18,500. The police (3) _____ charged her with "immorality". She posted videos on the website TikTok (4) _____ dances. Egypt is cracking down on social media posts. Police said Ms El-Masry put "immoral" videos on social media. They said (5) _____ of damaging Egypt's morals because the videos were of (6) _____.

Sama el-Masry is 42 years old. She is a belly (7) _____. She starred in a movie about the unfair treatment of female workers. It (8) _____ people talking about women in the workplace. She (9) _____ in the past for posting videos about her political views. (10) _____ Ms El-Masry said: "Our conservative (11) _____ with technological changes which have (12) _____ different environment."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BELLY DANCING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200630-belly-dancing-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about belly dancing 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **belly dancing** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
