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**Level 2 – 30th June, 2020**

## **Egypt jails famous belly dancer for immorality**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200630-belly-dancing-2.html>

A famous belly dancer has been put in prison. A court in Egypt sentenced Sama el-Masry to three years behind bars. It also fined her about \$18,500. The police arrested her in April. They charged her with immorality after she posted videos on the website TikTok. The videos showed her doing various belly dances. Egypt is cracking down on social media posts. Officials accused Ms El-Masry of posting "immoral" pictures and videos on her social media accounts. They said she was guilty of breaking Egypt's morals because the videos were "sexually suggestive".

Sama el-Masry is 42 years old. She is a belly dancer and an actress. She starred in three big movies. One of them was about the unfair treatment of female workers. It created a lot of debate in Egypt about the rights of women in the workplace. She also got a lot of criticism in the past for posting videos about her political views. One of the videos mocked former US President Barack Obama. A women's rights lawyer who defended 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

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. three years behind     | a. on social media      |
| 2. The police arrested    | b. was guilty           |
| 3. showed her doing       | c. bars                 |
| 4. Egypt is cracking down | d. suggestive           |
| 5. posting "immoral"      | e. various belly dances |
| 6. videos on her social   | f. pictures             |
| 7. They said she          | g. her in April         |
| 8. sexually               | h. media accounts       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. She starred in                 | a. lawyer            |
| 2. the unfair treatment           | b. changes           |
| 3. She also got a lot of          | c. three big movies  |
| 4. former                         | d. environment       |
| 5. A women's rights               | e. of female workers |
| 6. conservative                   | f. US President      |
| 7. struggling with technological  | g. society           |
| 8. created a completely different | h. criticism         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A famous belly dancer has been (1) \_\_\_\_\_. A court in Egypt sentenced Sama el-Masry to three years behind bars. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ about \$18,500. The police arrested her in April. They charged her (3) \_\_\_\_\_ she posted videos on the website TikTok. The videos showed her doing various belly dances. Egypt is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ social media posts. Officials accused Ms El-Masry of posting "immoral" pictures (5) \_\_\_\_\_ her social media accounts. They said she was guilty of breaking Egypt's (6) \_\_\_\_\_ videos were "sexually suggestive".

Sama el-Masry is 42 years old. She is a belly dancer and an actress. She (7) \_\_\_\_\_ big movies. One of them was about the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ female workers. It created a lot of debate in Egypt about the rights of women (9) \_\_\_\_\_. She also got a lot of criticism in the past for posting videos about (10) \_\_\_\_\_. One of the videos mocked former US President Barack Obama. A women's rights (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Ms El-Masry said: "Our conservative society is struggling 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) \_\_\_\_\_

