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Level 4 – 18th January, 2021

Tennis stars enter Australia ahead of stranded citizens

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars-4.html>

Australians are angry because dozens of tennis stars are allowed to enter the country for the Australian Open tennis tournament. There are around 37,000 Australians stranded around the world waiting to return home. Many are frustrated at why they cannot return, while sports stars can enter. The stars must have negative tests for coronavirus and stay in special COVID-safe hotels. Some stars tested positive, so they could not come.

The stars' special treatment has been criticised. There is anger because Australia cut the number of citizens allowed to return. One Aussie said she couldn't understand why Australia halved the limit for citizens and the following week announced they'd found 1,200 spaces for tennis players. A Twitter user said letting in tennis players was risky. He said it hurt that the government is taking this risk for sport but not for stranded Australians.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. dozens | a. home |
| 2. allowed to enter | b. safe hotels |
| 3. 37,000 Australians stranded | c. of tennis stars |
| 4. waiting to return | d. tests for coronavirus |
| 5. Many are frustrated | e. tested positive |
| 6. stars must have negative | f. the country |
| 7. stay in special COVID- | g. at why |
| 8. Some stars | h. around the world |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. special | a. spaces |
| 2. cut the number | b. for sport |
| 3. she couldn't understand | c. of citizens |
| 4. Australia halved the limit | d. hurt |
| 5. they'd found 1,200 | e. treatment |
| 6. letting in tennis players was | f. for citizens |
| 7. He said it | g. risky |
| 8. taking this risk | h. why |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Australians are angry (1) _____ tennis stars are allowed to enter the (2) _____ Australian Open tennis tournament. There are around 37,000 Australians stranded around the world (3) _____ home. Many (4) _____ why they cannot return, while sports stars can enter. The stars (5) _____ tests for coronavirus and stay in special COVID-safe hotels. Some (6) _____, so they could not come.

The stars' special treatment has been criticised. There (7) _____ Australia cut the number of (8) _____ return. One Aussie said she couldn't understand why Australia (9) _____ for citizens and the following week announced they'd found 1,200 (10) _____ players. A Twitter user said letting in tennis (11) _____. He said it hurt that the government is (12) _____ for sport but not for stranded Australians.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TENNIS STARS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about tennis stars 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars-4.html>

Write about **tennis stars** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
