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Level 5 – 18th January, 2021

Tennis stars enter Australia ahead of stranded citizens

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars-5.html>

Australians are angry at the sight of special treatment being given to dozens of tennis stars playing in the Australian Open tennis tournament. Open Organisers are chartering flights so players and staff members can attend the event. Meanwhile, around 37,000 Australians are stranded around the world waiting to return home. Many are frustrated at why they cannot return, while sports stars can enter Australia to play tennis. The tennis stars must have tested negative for coronavirus and stay in special COVID-safe hotels. Some stars tested positive and so could not come.

The special treatment given to the stars has drawn criticism and ire. There is particular anger because Australia's government recently cut the number of citizens allowed to return. One Aussie told the BBC: "I can't comprehend the fact that one week they announce they're halving the caps for citizens and the following week they announce they've found 1,200 spaces for tennis players." A Twitter user wrote: "Letting in...tennis players...is a risky choice, and what hurts is that they'd take that risk for sport but not for stranded Aussies." He said the government can't say it's about the science.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. special | a. safe hotels |
| 2. chartering | b. around the world |
| 3. staff | c. treatment |
| 4. Australians are stranded | d. for coronavirus |
| 5. Many are frustrated at why | e. members can attend |
| 6. sports stars can | f. they cannot return |
| 7. tested negative | g. flights |
| 8. stay in special COVID- | h. enter Australia to play |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The special treatment given | a. for citizens |
| 2. criticism and | b. for sport |
| 3. cut the number of citizens | c. 1,200 spaces |
| 4. they're halving the caps | d. science |
| 5. they've found | e. to the stars |
| 6. Letting in tennis players | f. allowed to return |
| 7. they'd take that risk | g. is a risky choice |
| 8. it's about the | h. ire |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Australians are angry at (1) _____ special treatment being (2) _____ of tennis stars playing in the Australian Open tennis tournament. Open Organisers are chartering (3) _____ and staff members can attend the event. Meanwhile, around 37,000 Australians are stranded around the world waiting to return home. Many (4) _____ why they cannot return, while sports stars can enter Australia to play tennis. The tennis stars (5) _____ negative for coronavirus and stay in special COVID-safe hotels. Some (6) _____ and so could not come.

The special treatment given to the stars has drawn (7) _____. There is particular anger because Australia's government (8) _____ number of citizens allowed to return. One Aussie told the BBC: "I can't (9) _____ that one week they announce they're (10) _____ for citizens and the following week they announce they've found 1,200 spaces for tennis players." A Twitter user wrote: "Letting _____ in...tennis players...is (11) _____, and what hurts is that they'd take that (12) _____ but not for stranded Aussies." He said the government can't say it's about the science.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TENNIS STARS SURVEY

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

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) _____

