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Record breaking 96-year-old DJ retires

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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/2015/210518-dj-5.html>

A 96-year-old DJ has retired after broadcasting for over 70 years. Ray Cordeiro hosted his final radio show in Hong Kong. Mr Cordeiro is a legendary broadcaster and a household name for several generations of Hong Kongers. The veteran DJ decided it was time to hang up his boots on his show. He ended his final programme with his customary words: "Well, that's it. Thank you very much for tuning in. Goodbye. Thank you for coming." He said he was the "luckiest man in the world". He told listeners: "I don't think I have any regrets."

Ray Cordeiro is affectionately called Uncle Ray. He is known for his trademark deep voice. He played easy-listening music and chatted in English and Cantonese. The Guinness Book of World Records awarded him the title of the world's most durable DJ. In his role as Hong Kong's most celebrated broadcaster, he got to know some of the biggest names in the music industry, including the Beatles. He said COVID-19 affected his decision to retire. He said it was difficult working for so many months "in the presence of COVID-19" when he was in the "high-risk demographic".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-57129010>
<https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3133376/uncle-ray-always-hit-listeners>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. retired after broadcasting | a. name |
| 2. Cordeiro is a legendary | b. man in the world |
| 3. a household | c. tuning in |
| 4. it was time to hang | d. any regrets |
| 5. Thank you very much for | e. broadcaster |
| 6. Thank you | f. for over 70 years |
| 7. the luckiest | g. up his boots |
| 8. I don't think I have | h. for coming |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. affectionately | a. broadcaster |
| 2. known for his trademark deep | b. biggest names |
| 3. He played easy- | c. called Uncle Ray |
| 4. the world's most | d. risk demographic |
| 5. Hong Kong's most celebrated | e. listening music |
| 6. he got to know some of the | f. industry |
| 7. in the music | g. voice |
| 8. in the high- | h. durable DJ |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 96-year-old DJ (1) _____ broadcasting for over 70 years. Ray Cordeiro hosted his final radio show in Hong Kong. Mr Cordeiro (2) _____ broadcaster and a household name for several generations of Hong Kongers. The veteran DJ decided it was time to hang (3) _____ on his show. He ended his final programme with (4) _____: "Well, that's it. Thank you very much (5) _____. Goodbye. Thank you for coming." He said he was the "luckiest man in the world". He told listeners: "I don't think I (6) _____."

Ray Cordeiro is affectionately called Uncle Ray. He is known for his (7) _____. He played easy-listening music and chatted in English and Cantonese. The Guinness Book of World Records awarded him (8) _____ the world's most durable DJ. In (9) _____ Hong Kong's most celebrated broadcaster, he got to know some of the biggest names in (10) _____, including the Beatles. He said COVID-19 affected his decision to retire. He said it (11) _____ for so many months "in the presence of COVID-19" when he was in the "(12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RADIO SHOWS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about radio shows 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) _____

