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Level 5 – 5th July, 2021

Swimmers angry over afro Soul Cap Olympics ban

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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/2107/210705-soul-cap-5.html>

The Black Swimming Association is angry over a ban on the use of a swim cap at the Tokyo Olympics. FINA, swimming's regulatory body, has rejected an application from the brand SOUL CAP. Its cap accommodates diverse hairstyles and hair types. The company wants to help swimmers with afros, dreadlocks, hair extensions, and thick and curly hair. FINA said it would not permit the Soul Cap because swimmers have never used a cap "of such size" before. FINA also stated it would not permit the cap because "it didn't fit the natural form of the head".

The BSA was shocked at the decision. It warned it was a step backwards for black swimmers and would drive away swimmers from diverse backgrounds. A BSA spokeswoman said: "This will affect younger and up-and-coming swimmers who might want to take up elite swimming." She added: "At the highest level, we're hearing that, 'we want the sport to be inclusive and representative; we want to have people of colour in the sport'....This will affect their decision because by and large, hair is a significant barrier, especially for women."

Sources: <https://www.skysports.com/more-sports/swimming/news/29876/12346581/black-swimming-association-chair-says-fina-decision-to-reject-caps-for-natural-hair-not-what-inclusion-is-about>
<https://www.insider.com/natural-hair-swim-caps-not-allowed-olympics-2021-6>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/newsbeat-57688380>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. angry over a ban on the use | a. of such size |
| 2. swimming's regulatory | b. the brand |
| 3. rejected an application from | c. hairstyles |
| 4. Its cap accommodates diverse | d. curly hair |
| 5. help swimmers with | e. of a swim cap |
| 6. thick and | f. of the head |
| 7. swimmers have never used a cap | g. body |
| 8. fit the natural form | h. afros |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The BSA was shocked | a. level |
| 2. It warned it was a step | b. swimmers |
| 3. drive away swimmers from | c. especially for women |
| 4. up-and-coming | d. at the decision |
| 5. take up | e. representative |
| 6. At the highest | f. backwards |
| 7. inclusive and | g. elite swimming |
| 8. hair is a significant barrier, | h. diverse backgrounds |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Black Swimming Association is angry (1) _____ on the use of a swim cap at the Tokyo Olympics. FINA, swimming's (2) _____ rejected an application from the brand SOUL CAP. Its cap accommodates (3) _____ hair types. The company wants to help swimmers with afros, dreadlocks, hair extensions, and (4) _____ hair. FINA said it would not permit the Soul Cap because swimmers have never used a cap "(5) _____" before. FINA also stated it would not permit the cap because "it didn't fit the (6) _____ the head".

The BSA was shocked (7) _____. It warned it was a step backwards for black swimmers and (8) _____ swimmers from diverse backgrounds. A BSA spokeswoman said: "This will affect younger and (9) _____ swimmers who might want to take (10) _____." She added: "At the highest level, we're hearing that, 'we want the sport to be inclusive and representative; we want to have people of colour in the sport'....This will (11) _____ because by and large, hair is (12) _____, especially for women."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SWIMMING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210705-soul-cap-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about swimming 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) _____

