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Level 0 – 27th August 2026

Bali jails tourist for not respecting Day of Silence

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260827-bali-day-of-silence-0.html>

A tourist got a one-year jail sentence in Bali. He said bad things about a festival called the Day of Silence. It is a special time for Hindus. People stay at home and be quiet. The tourist broke the rules. He went outside. He made a video and used bad language. He was arrested after his video made Balinese people angry.

The Day of Silence is hundreds of years old. People in Bali are quiet for one day. Bali's airport shuts down and people have less access to the internet. Traditional workers can go outside. They make sure people are indoors. The tourist did not understand how important the festival was. He did not mean to make people angry.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj4kr59r28ko>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a one-year jail | a. outside |
| 2. He said bad things | b. for Hindus |
| 3. It is a special time | c. the rules |
| 4. People stay | d. arrested |
| 5. The tourist broke | e. sentence |
| 6. He went | f. bad language |
| 7. He made a video and used | g. about a festival |
| 8. He was | h. at home |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Day of Silence is hundreds | a. indoors |
| 2. People in Bali are quiet for | b. to the internet |
| 3. Bali's airport shuts | c. one day |
| 4. people have less access | d. the festival was |
| 5. Traditional workers can | e. of years old |
| 6. They make sure people are | f. people angry |
| 7. understand how important | g. down |
| 8. He did not mean to make | h. go outside |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A tourist got a one-year (1) _____ Bali. He said bad things about (2) _____ the Day of Silence. It is a (3) _____ Hindus. People stay at home and be quiet. The tourist (4) _____. He went outside. He made a video and (5) _____. He was arrested (6) _____ made Balinese people angry.

The Day of Silence is (7) _____ old. People in Bali are (8) _____ day. Bali's airport shuts down and people have (9) _____ the internet. Traditional workers (10) _____. They make sure (11) _____. The tourist did not understand how important the festival was. He did not mean to (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

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Write five GOOD questions about religious festivals 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

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Write about **religious festivals** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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