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Level 1 – 27th August 2026

Bali jails tourist for not respecting Day of Silence

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260827-bali-day-of-silence-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260827-bali-day-of-silence-1.html>

A tourist has been given a one-year jail sentence in Bali. His crime was saying bad things about a Hindu festival called the Day of Silence. It is a special time for Hindus. On this day, people must stay at home to fast and meditate. The 26-year-old tourist broke the rules by going outside. He filmed himself walking and using bad language. He said the silence was "crazy". He was arrested because his video made Balinese people angry.

The Day of Silence is hundreds of years old. People in Bali try to be quiet for one day. They do not work or play. Bali's airport shuts down and people have less access to the internet. Traditional Balinese security officers can go outside. They make sure people are indoors. The tourist said he did not understand how important the festival was. He did not mean to hurt people. He was very regretful for what he did.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. a one-year jail | a. and meditate |
| 2. a Hindu | b. the rules |
| 3. It is a special | c. angry |
| 4. stay at home to fast | d. sentence |
| 5. The 26-year-old tourist broke | e. time for Hindus |
| 6. using bad | f. was "crazy" |
| 7. He said the silence | g. festival |
| 8. his video made Balinese people | h. language |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The Day of Silence is hundreds | a. outside |
| 2. try to be quiet | b. play |
| 3. They do not work or | c. the internet |
| 4. Bali's airport shuts | d. to hurt people |
| 5. people have less access to | e. of years old |
| 6. security officers can go | f. are indoors |
| 7. They make sure people | g. for one day |
| 8. He did not mean | h. down |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A tourist has been given a (1) _____ sentence in Bali. His crime was (2) _____ about a Hindu festival called the Day of Silence. It is (3) _____ for Hindus. On this day, people must stay at home to (4) _____. The 26-year-old tourist broke the rules by going outside. He filmed himself walking and (5) _____. He said the silence was "crazy". He was arrested because (6) _____ Balinese people angry.

The Day of Silence is hundreds (7) _____. People in Bali try to be (8) _____ day. They do not work or play. Bali's airport shuts down and people have (9) _____ the internet. Traditional Balinese security officers (10) _____. They make sure people are indoors. The tourist (11) _____ not understand how important the festival was. He did not mean to hurt people. He was very (12) _____ he did.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260827-bali-day-of-silence-4.html>

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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