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Level 2 – 27th August 2026

Bali jails tourist for not respecting Day of Silence

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A Swiss tourist has been given a one-year jail sentence in Bali. His crime was saying bad things about a Hindu festival called Nyepi. In English, this is called Day of Silence. It is a special time for Hindus. On this day, the island becomes quiet. People stay at home to fast and meditate. The 26-year-old tourist broke the rules by going outside. He filmed himself walking to a beach. As he walked, he used a lot of bad language. He said the silence and lack of people were "crazy". He was arrested after the video he uploaded on social media made Balinese people angry.

The Day of Silence has been celebrated for hundreds of years. People in Bali try to be quiet for one day. They do not work, travel, or do leisure activities. Bali's airport shuts down and people have less access to the internet. Some people, such as traditional Balinese security officers, can go outside. They make sure people are indoors. The judge said the tourist made Balinese people angry. The tourist said he did not understand how important Nyepi was. He did not mean to insult the Balinese people. He was very regretful for what he did.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj4kr59r28ko>
<https://apnews.com/article/indonesia-swiss-tourist-trial-nyepi-348f1d4b701051f5d7abcf85eae0404c>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. given a one-year jail | a. language |
| 2. It is a special time | b. sentence |
| 3. People stay at home to fast | c. on social media |
| 4. The 26-year-old tourist broke | d. arrested |
| 5. he used a lot of bad | e. for Hindus |
| 6. lack of | f. the rules |
| 7. He was | g. people |
| 8. the video he uploaded | h. and meditate |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. celebrated for hundreds | a. indoors |
| 2. People in Bali try to be | b. down |
| 3. do leisure | c. not understand |
| 4. Bali's airport shuts | d. of years |
| 5. people have less access | e. for what he did |
| 6. They make sure people are | f. quiet for one day |
| 7. The tourist said he did | g. to the internet |
| 8. He was very regretful | h. activities |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Swiss tourist has been given a (1) _____ in Bali. His crime was (2) _____ about a Hindu festival called Nyepi. In English, this is called Day of Silence. It is a (3) _____ Hindus. On this day, the island becomes quiet. People stay at home to (4) _____. The 26-year-old tourist broke the rules by going outside. He filmed himself walking to a beach. As he walked, he used a lot (5) _____. He said the silence and lack of people were "crazy". He was arrested after the (6) _____ on social media made Balinese people angry.

The Day of Silence has (7) _____ hundreds of years. People in Bali try to (8) _____ one day. They do not work, travel, or do leisure activities. Bali's (9) _____ and people have less access to the internet. Some people, (10) _____ Balinese security officers, can go outside. They make sure people are indoors. The (11) _____ tourist made Balinese people angry. The tourist said he did not understand how important Nyepi was. He did not (12) _____ the Balinese people. He was very regretful for what he did.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS SURVEY

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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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