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Australia bans AI songs from music charts

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THE ARTICLE

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260907-ban-on-ai-songs.html

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ARIA CEO Annabelle Herd said the music charts must protect artists and their livelihoods. She said there should be a legitimate use of AI, but not to the extent that it excludes human creativity. She commented on the new rules, saying: "These changes reflect our intent to remain dynamic and promote the human nature of artistry in what is, to say the least, a rapidly developing space." Josh Fawaz, the artist who created the AI Madonna cover, acknowledged his use of AI on his version of the track. He defended his use of AI as a "tool" in creating music. He also called ARIA's new rules "a great move". He wrote: "I understand that AI in music isn't for everyone and that's fine."

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WARM-UPS

1. AI MUSIC: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about AI music. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

> fight / artificial intelligence / songs / music charts / controversy / backlash / purists / livelihoods / human creativity / new rules / human nature / artistry / space / tool

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. NEW GENRES: Students A **strongly** believe AI is great because it will create new music genres; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE USE OF AI: What are the pros and cons of using AI in these areas? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Area	Pro	Con
Music		
Literature		
Research		
Politics		
Movies		
News		

5. SONG: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "song". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MUSIC: Rank these with your partner. Put the best kinds of music at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Rock
- Classical
- Jazz
- Country
- Techno
- Hip-hop
- Opera
- Blues

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	intrusion	a.	Able or allowed to do something.
2.	controversy	b.	A new recording of a song that was originally recorded by another singer or group.
3.	cover version	c.	A strong negative reaction to something.
4.	considerable	d.	An unwanted entry into a place, situation, or activity.
5.	backlash	e.	People who care a lot about keeping something traditional or clean.
6.	purists	f.	A strong disagreement or argument about something.
7.	eligible	g.	Quite large or important.

Paragraph 2

8.	livelihoods	h.	What you plan or want to do.
9.	legitimate	i.	Used to show that something is true, even if it is less strong than the words that follow.
10.	reflect	j.	Supported someone or something when other people criticized them.
11.	intent	k.	Allowed or accepted because it is right or reasonable.
12.	to say the least	l.	Said that something was true or that something had happened.
13.	acknowledged	m.	To show or express something.
14.	defended	n.	The work or money that a person needs to live.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260907-ban-on-ai-songs.html

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Australia has banned all songs that use AI from the official music charts. **T / F**
2. There was a controversy over the cover of a Madonna song. **T / F**
3. The cover song spent 16 weeks in the Australian top 20. **T / F**
4. There was a backlash against people who opposed the use of AI. **T / F**
5. The recording industry CEO said artists' livelihoods must be protected. **T / F**
6. The CEO said there was no legitimate use of AI in creating music. **T / F**
7. The creator of the Madonna cover denied using AI. **T / F**
8. The creator called the new rules for AI "a great move". **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1. fight	a. perfectionists
2. banned	b. aim
3. considerable	c. insertion
4. purists	d. leaves out
5. inclusion	e. prohibited
6. livelihoods	f. action
7. excludes	g. battle
8. intent	h. recognized
9. acknowledged	i. substantial
10. move	j. income

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1. There has been a recent controversy	a. music purists
2. The cover version of the tune made	b. creativity
3. It also created a backlash among	c. for inclusion
4. wholly AI-generated music will be	d. use of AI
5. AI-assisted music will still be eligible	e. that's fine
6. the music charts must protect artists	f. considerable use of AI
7. She said there should be a legitimate	g. over an AI version
8. not to the extent that it excludes human	h. "a great move"
9. He also called ARIA's new rules	i. banned from the charts
10. AI in music isn't for everyone and	j. and their livelihoods

GAP FILL

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260907-ban-on-ai-songs.html

The fight against the (1) _____ of artificial intelligence (AI) into music continues. The Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) has banned songs that have been "wholly" (2) _____ with AI from entering the country's official music charts. There has been a (3) _____ controversy over an AI version of the 1989 Madonna hit "Like a Prayer". The cover version of the (4) _____ made considerable use of AI technology. The song spent 16 weeks in the Australian top 20. It also created a (5) _____ among music (6) _____ and the general public. ARIA (7) _____ that "wholly AI-generated" music will be banned from the charts, while "AI-assisted" music will still be (8) _____ for inclusion.

intrusion

purists

tune

eligible

recent

created

declared

backlash

ARIA CEO Annabelle Herd said the music charts must protect artists and their (9) _____. She said there should be a legitimate use of AI, but not to the extent that it (10) _____ human creativity. She commented on the new (11) _____, saying: "These changes reflect our (12) _____ to remain dynamic and promote the human nature of artistry in what is, to say the least, a (13) _____ developing space." Josh Fawaz, the artist who created the AI Madonna cover, acknowledged his use of AI on his version of the track. He (14) _____ his use of AI as a "tool" in creating music. He also called ARIA's new rules "a great (15) _____". He wrote: "I understand that AI in music isn't for everyone and that's (16) _____."

rules

rapidly

fine

livelihoods

move

intent

excludes

defended

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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1) The fight against the intrusion of artificial intelligence (AI) _____
   a. into musically continues
   b. onto music continues
   c. unto music continues
   d. into music continues
2) There has been a recent controversy over an AI version of the _____
   a. 1989 Madonna hit
   b. 1989 Madonna smash
   c. 1989 Madonna strike
   d. 1989 Madonna bang
3) The cover version of the tune made considerable use _____
   a. off AI technology
   b. of AI technology
   c. oft AI technology
   d. over AI technology
4) It also created a backlash among music purists and _____
   a. the general publicly
   b. the general public
   c. the general publicity
   d. the general publican
5) music will be banned from the charts, while "AI-assisted" music will still be _____
   a. eligible of inclusion
   b. eligible for inclusion
   c. eligible at inclusion
   d. eligible on inclusion
6) ARIA CEO Annabelle Herd said the music charts must protect artists _____
   a. and their livelihoods
   b. and their lively hoods
   c. and their live hoods
   d. and their life hoods
7) there should be a legitimate use of AI, but not to the extent that it _____
   a. exclusion human creativity
   b. excludes human creativity
   c. excudes human creativity
   d. exclude human creativity
8) in what is, to say the least, a _____
   a. rapidly developing spaced
   b. rapidly developing space
   c. rapidly developing spaces
   d. rapidly developing spacer
9) He defended his use of AI as a "tool" _____
   a. on creating music
   b. at creating music
   c. of creating music
   d. in creating music
10) I understand that AI in music isn't for everyone _____
   a. and what's fine
   b. and that fine
   c. and that's fine
   d. and hat's fine

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What level of AI use will get songs banned from Australia's music charts?

2. In what year was the original Madonna song released?

3. For how long did the song spend in the Australian top 20?

4. Who did the cover song create a backlash among besides the public?

5. What music will still be eligible for inclusion in the Australian charts?

6. What position does Annabelle Herd hold in Australia's recording industry?

7. What did Ms Herd say the music charts should protect?

8. What did Ms Herd say should not be excluded from music?

9. What did Josh Fawaz defend?

10. What did Josh Fawaz call the new AI music rules?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260907-ban-on-ai-songs.html

1) What level of AI use will get songs banned from Australia's music charts?
a) those partially generated from AI
b) those wholly generated from AI
c) those slightly generated from AI
d) those largely generated from AI

2) In what year was the original Madonna song released?
a) 1987
b) 1988
c) 1989
d) 1990

3) For how long did the song spend in the Australian top 20?
a) 13 weeks
b) 14 weeks
c) 15 weeks
d) 16 weeks

4) Who did the cover song create a backlash among besides the public?
a) musicians
b) music purists
c) AI companies
d) record labels

5) What music will still be eligible for inclusion in the Australian charts?
a) AI-assisted music
b) music with AI drums
c) songs with music written by AI
d) songs with lyrics written by AI

6) What position does Annabelle Herd hold in Australia's recording industry?
a) CEO
b) CFO
c) COO
d) CTO

7) What did Ms Herd say the music charts should protect?
a) artists' reputations
b) copyrights
c) artists' image rights
d) artists and their livelihoods

8) What did Ms Herd say should not be excluded from music?
a) real instruments
b) the songwriting process
c) human creativity
d) heart

9) What did Josh Fawaz defend?
a) the record industry
b) covering a Madonna song
c) Madonna songs
d) his use of AI as a tool

10) What did Josh Fawaz call the new AI music rules?
a) a terrible move
b) a great move
c) an interesting move
d) a cool move

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Rock

You think rock is the best form of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the least-listenable of these (and why): jazz, techno or hip-hop.

Role B – Jazz

You think jazz is the best form of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the least-listenable of these (and why): rock, techno or hip-hop.

Role C – Techno

You think techno is the best form of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the least-listenable of these (and why): jazz, rock or hip-hop.

Role D – Hip-hop

You think hip-hop is the best form of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the least-listenable of these (and why): jazz, techno or rock.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260907-ban-on-ai-songs.html

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for… the words 'AI' and 'music'.

AI	**music**

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning…?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• fight • banned • recent • considerable • 16 • still	• protect • legitimate • reflect • artist • tool • fine

AI MUSIC SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about AI music 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.

AI MUSIC DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the term 'AI'?
3. What do you think of AI being used to create music?
4. Will songs written by AI ever be better than those written by humans?
5. Should there be a separate chart for AI songs?
6. Would you be a fan of an AI pop star?
7. Isn't a synthesizer as controversial as AI?
8. What do you think of AI making songs that exactly fit your mood?
9. Will there ever be an AI Beatles or an AI Mozart?
10. What songs do you like that are in your country's music charts?

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AI MUSIC DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'music'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What danger is AI posing to musicians' livelihoods?
15. What legitimate use is there for AI in music?
16. What is "the human nature of artistry"?
17. How musical are you?
18. Would you like to use AI to write your own songs?
19. What advice do you have for music purists regarding AI?
20. What questions would you like to ask musicians who use AI?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

1.	(a)	fought	(b)	fighter	(c)	fighting	(d)	fight
2.	(a)	as to	(b)	unto	(c)	onto	(d)	into
3.	(a)	recently	(b)	recent	(c)	recentness	(d)	recant
4.	(a)	took	(b)	was	(c)	made	(d)	did
5.	(a)	purists	(b)	puerile	(c)	purely	(d)	pure
6.	(a)	for	(b)	of	(c)	by	(d)	as
7.	(a)	livable	(b)	living	(c)	lively	(d)	livelihoods
8.	(a)	on	(b)	of	(c)	to	(d)	at
9.	(a)	biosphere	(b)	nature	(c)	diverse	(d)	species
10.	(a)	clover	(b)	covering	(c)	cover	(d)	covet
11.	(a)	is	(b)	has	(c)	as	(d)	was
12.	(a)	hasn't	(b)	isn't	(c)	won't	(d)	doesn't

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the suiitnron of artificial intelligence

2. recent enyvroctros

3. the tune made ebeoclsdinar use of AI technology

4. It also created a ahbasklc

5. music pitssur

6. still be eligible for ioisunlnc

Paragraph 2

7. protect artists and their helodlvisio

8. there should be a eitgaetlim use of AI

9. reflect our intent to remain dacimny

10. the human nature of ittrsrya

11. ncalwkeedodg his use of AI

12. his vroseni of the track

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

( ) "a great move". He wrote: "I understand that AI in music isn't for everyone and that's fine."

( ) ARIA CEO Annabelle Herd said the music charts must protect artists and their livelihoods. She said there should

( ) banned from the charts, while "AI-assisted" music will still be eligible for inclusion.

( ) be a legitimate use of AI, but not to the extent that it excludes human creativity. She commented

( ) entering the country's official music charts. There has been a recent controversy over an AI version

( ) Industry Association (ARIA) has banned songs that have been "wholly" created with AI from

( ) nature of artistry in what is, to say the least, a rapidly developing space." Josh Fawaz, the artist

( ) of the 1989 Madonna hit "Like a Prayer". The cover version of the tune made considerable use of AI

( ) of the track. He defended his use of AI as a "tool" in creating music. He also called ARIA's new rules

( ) on the new rules, saying: "These changes reflect our intent to remain dynamic and promote the human

( ) purists and the general public. ARIA declared that "wholly AI-generated" music will be

( ) technology. The song spent 16 weeks in the Australian top 20. It also created a backlash among music

(***1***) The fight against the intrusion of artificial intelligence (AI) into music continues. The Australian Recording

( ) who created the AI Madonna cover, acknowledged his use of AI on his version

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260907-ban-on-ai-songs.html

1. against artificial fight of intelligence intrusion The the.

2. AI Songs created have wholly with been that.

3. AI There an been controversy has over version.

4. AI The considerable cover made of use version.

5. a among also backlash created It music purists.

6. and artists charts livelihoods Music must protect their.

7. AI There a be legitimate should use of.

8. To creativity excludes extent human that the it.

9. AI He a as defended tool using.

10. AI I understand isn't in music for everyone.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260907-ban-on-ai-songs.html

The *fight / flight* against the intrusion of artificial intelligence (AI) into music continues. The Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) has banned songs that have been "*holy / wholly*" created with AI from *enter / entering* the country's *official / officially* music charts. There has been a recent controversy *over / under* an AI version of the 1989 Madonna hit "Like a Prayer". The cover version *at / of* the tune made considerable *use / useful* of AI technology. The song spent 16 weeks in the Australian top 20. It also created a *whiplash / backlash* among music purists and the general public. ARIA declared that "wholly AI-generated" music will *being / be* banned from the charts, while "AI-assisted" music will still be eligible *for / up* inclusion.

ARIA CEO Annabelle Herd said the music charts *must / have* protect artists and their livelihoods. She said there should be a legitimate use of AI, but not to the *external / extent* that it *excludes / exudes* human creativity. She commented *in / on* the new rules, saying: "These changes reflect our intent to remain dynamic and promote the human *natural / nature* of artistry in what is, to say the *least / last*, a rapidly developing space." Josh Fawaz, the artist who created the AI Madonna *covering / cover*, acknowledged his use of AI on his version of the *tack / track*. He defended his use of AI as a "tool" in *creating / creation* music. He also called ARIA's new rules "a great move". He wrote: "I understand that AI in music isn't *for / to* everyone and that's fine."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ f_ght _g__nst th_ _ntr_s__n _f _rt_f_c__l _nt_ll_g_nc_ (__) _nt_ m_s_c c_nt_n__s. Th_ __str_l__n R_c_rd_ng _nd_stry _ss_c__t__n (_R__) h_s b_nn_d s_ngs th_t h_v_ b__n "wh_lly" cr__t_d w_th __ fr_m _nt_r_ng th_ c__ntry's _ff_c__l m_s_c ch_rts. Th_r_ h_s b__n _ r_c_nt c_ntr_v_rsy _v_r _n __ v_rs__n _f th_ 1989 M_d_nn_ h_t "L_k_ _ Pr_y_r". Th_ c_v_r v_rs__n _f th_ t_n_ m_d_ c_ns_d_r_bl_ _s_ _f __ t_chn_l_gy. Th_ s_ng sp_nt 16 w__ks _n th_ __str_l__n t_p 20. _t _ls_ cr__t_d _ b_ckl_sh _m_ng m_s_c p_r_sts _nd th_ g_n_r_l p_bl_c. _R__ d_cl_r_d th_t "wh_lly __-g_n_r_t_d" m_s_c w_ll b_ b_nn_d fr_m th_ ch_rts, wh_l_ "__-_ss_st_d" m_s_c w_ll st_ll b_ _l_g_bl_ f_r _ncl_s__n.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the fight against the intrusion of artificial intelligence ai into music continues the australian recording industry association aria has banned songs that have been wholly created with ai from entering the countrys official music charts there has been a recent controversy over an ai version of the 1989 madonna hit like a prayer the cover version of the tune made considerable use of ai technology the song spent 16 weeks in the australian top 20 it also created a backlash among music purists and the general public aria declared that wholly ai generated music will be banned from the charts while ai assisted music will still be eligible for inclusion

aria ceo annabelle herd said the music charts must protect artists and their livelihoods she said there should be a legitimate use of ai but not to the extent that it excludes human creativity she commented on the new rules saying these changes reflect our intent to remain dynamic and promote the human nature of artistry in what is to say the least a rapidly developing space josh fawaz the artist who created the ai madonna cover acknowledged his use of ai on his version of the track he defended his use of ai as a tool in creating music he also called arias new rules a great move he wrote i understand that ai in music isnt for everyone and thats fine

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260907-ban-on-ai-songs.html

Write about **AI music** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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AI music will be the most listened to in the future. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AI MUSIC: Make a poster about AI music. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. AI POP STARS: Write a magazine article about music solely generated by AI being allowed in music charts. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on AI music. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your thoughts on the future of AI in music. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1.	d	2.	f	3.	b	4.	g	5.	c	6.	e	7.	a
8.	n	9.	k	10.	m	11.	h	12.	i	13.	l	14.	j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1	F	2	T	3	T	4	F	5	T	6	F	7	F	8	T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. i	4. a	5. c
6. j	7. d	8. b	9. h	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. If they are "wholly generated" from AI
2. 1989
3. Sixteen weeks
4. Music purists
5. AI-assisted music
6. CEO
7. Artists and their livelihoods
8. Human creativity
9. His use of AI as a tool
10. A great move

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The fight against the intrusion of artificial intelligence.
2. Songs that have been wholly created with AI.
3. There has been controversy over an AI version.
4. The cover version made considerable use of AI.
5. It also created a backlash among music purists.
6. Music charts must protect artists and their livelihoods.
7. There should be a legitimate use of AI.
8. To the extent that it excludes human creativity.
9. He defended using AI as a tool.
10. I understand AI in music isn't for everyone.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1.	b	2.	c	3.	d	4.	b	5.	a	6.	a	7.	d	8.	c	9.	d	10.	b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)