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Britney Spears' music scares off pirates

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THE READING

Ships near Somalia play Britney Spears songs to keep Somali pirates away. The ships' security teams play loud pop music because the pirates hate Western culture and music. They thought the pirates would hate Britney songs most. They stop pirate attacks. Each security team chooses its own music for the pirates.

Loud music scares people. It was used for torture in Guantanamo Bay. Prisoners listened to loud music for many weeks non-stop. They could not sleep. One prisoner said it was worse than being beaten up. He said: "It makes you feel like you are going mad." A charity asked pop stars to stop prisons using music for torture.

VOCABULARY MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	ships near	a.	most
2	keep Somali pirates	b.	attacks
3.	play loud	c.	culture and music
4.	Western	d.	away
5.	the pirates would hate Britney songs	e.	Somalia
6.	stop pirate	f.	own music
7.	security	g.	pop music
8.	chooses its	h.	team

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	Loud music scares	a.	weeks non-stop
2	It was used	b.	going mad
3.	listened to loud music for many	c.	for torture
4.	They could not	d.	people
5.	worse than being	e.	stars
6.	It makes you feel like you are	f.	sleep
7.	pop	g.	torture
8.	stop prisons using music for	h.	beaten up

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

(1) _____ play Britney Spears (2) _____ Somali pirates away. The ships' security teams play loud pop music because (3) _____ Western (4) _____. They thought the pirates would hate Britney songs most. They (5) _____. Each security team chooses (6) _____ for the pirates.

Loud music scares people. It (7) _____ torture in Guantanamo Bay. Prisoners (8) _____ music for many weeks non-stop. They (9) _____. One prisoner said it was worse than (10) _____. He said: "It makes you feel like you (11) _____." A charity asked pop (12) _____ prisons using music for torture.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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

Write about **loud music** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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