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Level 3

'Tom and Jerry' cartoon gets racism warning

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THE ARTICLE

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The Internet giant, Amazon, has put a warning on some of the 'Tom and Jerry' cartoons it offers to its customers. Visitors who want to buy or download the series 'Tom and Jerry: The Complete Second Volume' get a warning that the cartoons contain scenes that are racist. The warning says: "Tom and Jerry shorts may [show] some ethnic and racial prejudices that were once commonplace in American society." It added that the scenes were wrong when the cartoons were made 70 years ago, and are still wrong today. People say the character of the black maid in the cartoon series is racist. Some of the cartoons were edited in the 1960s because of worries about racism.

Tom and Jerry were created in 1940 by cartoonists William Hanna and Joseph Barbera. The show is about the lives of Tom Cat and Jerry Mouse, who live in the same house and are big rivals. Hanna and Barbera produced 114 Tom and Jerry cartoons from 1940 to 1957. The cartoons won the Oscar for the best Animated Short Film seven times. The shows have become one of the most popular cartoons in animation history. They are put on children's TV every day in many countries. Animation expert Steve Abraham said the quality of animation in the early Tom and Jerry cartoons was "superb". Many people posted on Twitter to say it was "madness" for Amazon to put a warning on the cartoons.

Sources: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/oct/1/amazon-adds-racism-disclaimer-to-tom-and-jerry-car/#ixzz3ExVKKSwh>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-29427843>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_and_Jerry

WARM-UPS

1. CARTOONS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cartoons. 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?

Internet / giant / customers / racist / prejudices / wrong / cartoons / edited / society / cartoonists / big rivals / Oscar / popular / animation history / quality / warning

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

3. GOOD FOR KIDS?: Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good things	Bad things	Warning?
Tom and Jerry			
The evening news			
Computer games			
Music			
Mobile phones			
Facebook			

4. WARNING: Students A **strongly** believe more warnings should be put on DVDs and music for children; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. ANIMATION: Rank these with your partner. Put the best cartoons at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Tom and Jerry
- Wallace and Gromit
- Toy Story
- Mickey Mouse
- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- Pokemon
- The Simpsons
- SpongeBob SquarePants

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

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

- a. Amazon has put a warning on all the Tom and Jerry cartoons it sells. T / F
- b. The warning is on cartoons people can buy or download. T / F
- c. Amazon said some scenes from the cartoons were wrong 70 years ago. T / F
- d. The Tom and Jerry cartoons have never been edited. T / F
- e. The Tom and Jerry cartoons were created in 1940. T / F
- f. The original cartoonists made 114 shows between 1940 and 1957. T / F
- g. The cartoons never won an Oscar at the Academy Awards. T / F
- h. The article says people posted on Twitter to agree with Amazon. T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. warning | a. made |
| 2. contain | b. well-liked |
| 3. commonplace | c. concerns |
| 4. wrong | d. enemies |
| 5. worries | e. stupidity |
| 6. created | f. caution |
| 7. rivals | g. excellent |
| 8. popular | h. include |
| 9. superb | i. normal |
| 10. madness | j. unsuitable |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. buy or download | a. Animated Short Film |
| 2. scenes that | b. racial prejudices |
| 3. ethnic and | c. cartoons was "superb" |
| 4. once | d. the series |
| 5. edited in the 1960s because of | e. it was "madness" |
| 6. big | f. commonplace |
| 7. won the Oscar for the best | g. rivals |
| 8. the most popular cartoons | h. worries about racism |
| 9. the quality of animation in the early... | i. in animation history |
| 10. people posted on Twitter to say | j. are racist |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

The Internet (1) _____, Amazon, has put a warning on some of the 'Tom and Jerry' cartoons it (2) _____ to its customers. Visitors who want to buy or download the series 'Tom and Jerry: The Complete Second Volume' get a warning that the cartoons (3) _____ scenes that are racist. The warning says: "Tom and Jerry shorts may [show] some (4) _____ and racial prejudices that were once commonplace in American (5) _____." It added that the scenes were wrong when the cartoons were made 70 years ago, and are still (6) _____ today. People say the character of the black maid in the cartoon series is racist. Some of the cartoons were (7) _____ in the 1960s because of (8) _____ about racism.

wrong
contain
worries
giant
society
edited
offers
ethnic

Tom and Jerry were created in 1940 by (9) _____ William Hanna and Joseph Barbera. The show is about the (10) _____ of Tom Cat and Jerry Mouse, who live in the same house and are big (11) _____. Hanna and Barbera produced 114 Tom and Jerry cartoons from 1940 to 1957. The cartoons (12) _____ the Oscar for the best Animated Short Film seven times. The shows have become one of the most (13) _____ cartoons in animation (14) _____. They are put on children's TV every day in many countries. Animation expert Steve Abrahart said the (15) _____ of animation in the early Tom and Jerry cartoons was "(16) _____". Many people posted on Twitter to say it was "madness" for Amazon to put a warning on the cartoons.

quality
won
history
cartoonists
superb
lives
popular
rivals

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

- 1) Amazon has put a warning on some of the 'Tom and Jerry' cartoons _____ customers
 - a. it offends to its
 - b. it offence to its
 - c. it offers to its
 - d. it offerings to its
- 2) The Complete Second Volume' get a warning that the cartoons contain _____ racist
 - a. scenes that are
 - b. things that are
 - c. themes that are
 - d. sense that are
- 3) The warning says: "Tom and Jerry shorts may [show] some _____ prejudices..."
 - a. ethnic and racially
 - b. ethnic and radical
 - c. ethnic and racial
 - d. ethnic and ray shall
- 4) People say the character of the black maid in the cartoon _____
 - a. serious is racist
 - b. cereals is racist
 - c. series is racist
 - d. sear is is racist
- 5) Some of the cartoons were edited in the 1960s because _____ racism
 - a. for worries about
 - b. if worries about
 - c. off worries about
 - d. of worries about
- 6) Tom and Jerry were created in 1940 _____
 - a. by cartoon its
 - b. by cartoonists
 - c. by cartoons its
 - d. by cartoon nits
- 7) ...the lives of Tom Cat and Jerry Mouse, who live in the same house _____
 - a. and are big libels
 - b. and are big rivalries
 - c. and are big rival is
 - d. and are big rivals
- 8) The shows have become one of the most popular cartoons _____
 - a. in animator history
 - b. in animation's history
 - c. in animation history
 - d. in animations history
- 9) the quality of animation in the early Tom and Jerry cartoons _____
 - a. was "superb"
 - b. was "suburb"
 - c. was "sue barb"
 - d. was "soup bird"
- 10) Many people posted on Twitter to say _____
 - a. it was "mad nest"
 - b. it was "madness"
 - c. it was "mad this"
 - d. it was "maddening"

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

The Internet giant, Amazon, has (1) _____ some of the 'Tom and Jerry' cartoons it offers to its customers. Visitors who want to buy or (2) _____ 'Tom and Jerry: The Complete Second Volume' get a warning that the cartoons (3) _____ are racist. The warning says: "Tom and Jerry shorts may [show] some ethnic and racial prejudices that were (4) _____ American society." It added that the scenes were wrong when the cartoons were made 70 years ago, and (5) _____. People say the character of the black maid in the cartoon series is racist. Some of the cartoons were edited in the 1960s because (6) _____ racism.

Tom and Jerry were (7) _____ cartoonists William Hanna and Joseph Barbera. The show is about the lives of Tom Cat and Jerry Mouse, who live in the same house (8) _____. Hanna and Barbera produced 114 Tom and Jerry cartoons from 1940 to 1957. The cartoons (9) _____ the best Animated Short Film seven times. The shows have become one of the (10) _____ in animation history. They are put on children's TV every day in many countries. Animation expert Steve Abrahart (11) _____ animation in the early Tom and Jerry cartoons was "superb". Many people posted on Twitter to say (12) _____ Amazon to put a warning on the cartoons.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

1. What word meaning 'very big' did the writer use to describe Amazon?

2. Which volume of cartoons did Amazon put its warning on?

3. What did Amazon say about the scenes made 70 years ago?

4. Who in the cartoon do people think is a racist character?

5. In what decade were some Tom and Jerry cartoons edited?

6. When did the cartoonists create Tom and Jerry?

7. How many shows did Hana and Barbera make by 1957?

8. How many Oscars did Tom and Jerry win?

9. What did an animation expert say about the quality of the early shows?

10. What did Twitter users call Amazon's warning?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

1. What word meaning 'very big' did the writer use to describe Amazon?
 - a) huge
 - b) monster
 - c) giant
 - d) gigantic
2. Which volume of cartoons did Amazon put its warning on?
 - a) volume 2
 - b) loud volume
 - c) volume 1
 - d) the lowest volume
3. What did Amazon say about the scenes made 70 years ago?
 - a) they were wrong
 - b) they were powerful
 - c) they were poorly made
 - d) they were boring
4. Who in the cartoon do people think is a racist character?
 - a) a white man
 - b) the black maid
 - c) Tom
 - d) Jerry
5. In what decade were some Tom and Jerry cartoons edited?
 - a) the 90s
 - b) the 70s
 - c) the 50s
 - d) the 60s
6. When did the cartoonists create Tom and Jerry?
 - a) 1957
 - b) 1940
 - c) 1932
 - d) 1960
7. How many shows did Hana and Barbera make by 1957?
 - a) 114
 - b) 141
 - c) 411
 - d) 144
8. How many Oscars did Tom and Jerry win?
 - a) 5
 - b) 6
 - c) 7
 - d) 8
9. What did an animation expert say about the quality of the early shows?
 - a) they were soupy
 - b) they were soppy
 - c) they were suburban
 - d) they were superb
10. What did Twitter users call Amazon's warning?
 - a) madness
 - b) dangerous
 - c) great
 - d) unnecessary

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

Role A – Drawings

You think animation using drawings is the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their forms of animation. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): clay, puppets or computer graphics.

Role B – Clay

You think animation using clay is the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their forms of animation. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): drawings, puppets or computer graphics.

Role C – Puppets

You think animation using puppets is the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their forms of animation. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): clay, drawings or computer graphics.

Role D – Computer Graphics (CG)

You think animation using computer graphics is the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their forms of animation. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): clay, puppets or drawings.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'ethnic' and 'racial'.

ethnic	racial

- 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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• giant• buy• contain• once• 70• 1960s	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1940• live• 114• seven• TV• posted
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CARTOONS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cartoons 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.

CARTOONS DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'racism'?
- 3) What do you think of Tom and Jerry?
- 4) What do you think of Amazon's warning of racism?
- 5) Do customers need a warning for Tom and Jerry?
- 6) Should Amazon sell things they think are racist?
- 7) Should the Tom and Jerry cartoons be updated?
- 8) Do you think the Tom and Jerry cartoons are racist?
- 9) Why has it taken Amazon 20 years to decide the cartoon is racist?
- 10) What's your favourite cartoon (animation)?

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CARTOONS 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 know about the lives of Tom and Jerry?
- 12) Why is the cartoon Tom and Jerry so popular?
- 14) Who did you want to win in Tom and Jerry's battles?
- 15) Do you think TV stations will stop showing Tom and Jerry?
- 16) Which is better, animation like Tom and Jerry, or like Toy Story?
- 17) What would you tell Amazon about its warning?
- 18) What do you think of the quality of Tom and Jerry?
- 19) Is the warning "madness"?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Amazon's boss?

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

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

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Tom and Jerry were (7) _____ in 1940 by cartoonists William Hanna and Joseph Barbera. The show is about the lives of Tom Cat and Jerry Mouse, who live in the same house and are big (8) _____. Hanna and Barbera produced 114 Tom and Jerry cartoons from 1940 to 1957. The cartoons won the Oscar for the best Animated Short Film seven times. The shows have become one of the most popular cartoons (9) _____ animation history. They are put (10) _____ children's TV every day in many countries. Animation expert Steve Abrahart said the quality (11) _____ animation in the early Tom and Jerry cartoons was "superb". Many people posted on Twitter to say it was "(12) _____" for Amazon to put a warning on the cartoons.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) ogre | (b) giant | (c) robot | (d) monster |
| 2. | (a) produces | (b) makes | (c) requests | (d) offers |
| 3. | (a) decades | (b) scenes | (c) image | (d) movies |
| 4. | (a) spatial | (b) partial | (c) racial | (d) special |
| 5. | (a) remain | (b) until | (c) still | (d) forever |
| 6. | (a) worries | (b) worried | (c) worryingly | (d) worry |
| 7. | (a) birthed | (b) created | (c) appeared | (d) drawing |
| 8. | (a) rivals | (b) rivalries | (c) libels | (d) libraries |
| 9. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) to | (d) at |
| 10. | (a) inside | (b) in | (c) on | (d) on top of |
| 11. | (a) for | (b) on | (c) of | (d) at |
| 12. | (a) angry | (b) crazily | (c) idiot | (d) madness |

SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

Paragraph 1

1. The Internet ntiag, Amazon
2. buy or download the sirees
3. hitecn and racial prejudices
4. the ecssne were wrong
5. the ertrhacac of the black maid
6. Some of the cartoons were tdeeid

Paragraph 2

7. constrsatoi William Hanna and Joseph Barbera
8. big larsiv
9. the most aplupor cartoons
10. in oniamtnai history
11. the lytuqai...was superb
12. people posted...to say it was sseudam

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () that the scenes were wrong when the cartoons were made 70 years ago, and are still
- () ethnic and racial prejudices that were once commonplace in American society." It added
- (**1**) The Internet giant, Amazon, has put a warning on some of the 'Tom and Jerry' cartoons it offers
- () wrong today. People say the character of the black maid in the cartoon series is
- () racist. Some of the cartoons were edited in the 1960s because of worries about racism.
- () a warning that the cartoons contain scenes that are racist. The warning says: "Tom and Jerry shorts may [show] some
- () Tom and Jerry were created in 1940 by cartoonists William Hanna and Joseph Barbera. The show is about
- () "superb". Many people posted on Twitter to say it was "madness" for Amazon to put a warning on the cartoons.
- () rivals. Hanna and Barbera produced 114 Tom and Jerry cartoons from 1940 to 1957. The cartoons won
- () popular cartoons in animation history. They are put on children's TV every day in many countries. Animation
- () expert Steve Abraham said the quality of animation in the early Tom and Jerry cartoons was
- () to its customers. Visitors who want to buy or download the series 'Tom and Jerry: The Complete Second Volume' get
- () the Oscar for the best Animated Short Film seven times. The shows have become one of the most
- () the lives of Tom Cat and Jerry Mouse, who live in the same house and are big

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

1. who buy the Visitors to download want or series.

2. are that scenes contain cartoons The racist.

3. once prejudices were commonplace Racial that.

4. were the made scenes when were The wrong cartoons.

5. 1960s worries the of racism in because about Edited.

6. the show Mouse Cat lives is and of about The Jerry Tom.

7. the cartoons history of popular animation One most in.

8. They TV are every put day on children's.

9. in the early cartoons was superb The quality of animation.

10. on say 'madness' posted to was People Twitter it.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

The Internet *monster / giant*, Amazon, has put a warning on some of the 'Tom and Jerry' cartoons it *offers / requests* to its customers. Visitors who want to buy or download the *serious / series* 'Tom and Jerry: The Complete Second Volume' get a *warned / warning* that the cartoons contain *scenery / scenes* that are racist. The warning says: "Tom and Jerry shorts may [show] some ethnic and *racial / racially* prejudices that were once commonplace in American society." It added that the scenes were *wronged / wrong* when the cartoons were made 70 years ago, and are *still / remain* wrong today. People *say / speak* the character of the black maid in the cartoon series is racist. Some of the cartoons were *edited / editions* in the 1960s because of worries about racism.

Tom and Jerry were *created / creative* in 1940 by cartoonists William Hanna and Joseph Barbera. The show is *around / about* the lives of Tom Cat and Jerry Mouse, who live in the same house and are big *rivalries / rivals*. Hanna and Barbera *produced / produces* 114 Tom and Jerry cartoons from 1940 to 1957. The cartoons *won / winner* the Oscar for the best Animated Short Film seven times. The shows have *become / became* one of the most popular cartoons in animation history. They are put *on / in* children's TV every day in many countries. Animation *expat / expert* Steve Abrahart said the quality of animation in the *quick / early* Tom and Jerry cartoons was "superb". Many people *posted / pasted* on Twitter to say it was "madness" for Amazon to put a warning on the cartoons.

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

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

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

Th_ _nt_rn_t g__nt, _m_z_n, h_s p_t _ w_rn_ng _n
s_m_ _f th_ 'T_m _nd J_rry' c_rt__ns _t _ff_rs t_ _ts
c_st_m_rs. V_s_t_rs wh_ w_nt t_ b_y _r d_wnl__d th_
s_r__s 'T_m _nd J_rry: Th_ C_mpl_t_ S_c_nd V_l_m_'
g_t _ w_rn_ng th_t th_ c_rt__ns c_nt__n sc_n_s th_t
_r_r_c_st. Th_ w_rn_ng s_ys: "T_m _nd J_rry sh_rts
m_y [sh_w] s_m_ _thn_c _nd r_c__l pr_j_d_c_s th_t
w_r_ _nc_ c_mm_npl_c_ _n _m_r_c_n s_c__ty." _t
_dd_d th_t th_ sc_n_s w_r_ wrng wh_n th_ c_rt__ns
w_r_ m_d_ 70 y__rs _g_, _nd _r_st_ll wrng t_d_y.
P__pl_ s_y th_ ch_r_c_t_r _f th_ bl_ck m__d _n th_
c_rt__n s_r__s _s_r_c_st. S_m_ _f th_ c_rt__ns w_r_
_d_t_d _n th_ 1960s b_c__s _f w_rr__s b__t r_c_sm.

T_m _nd J_rry w_r_ cr__t_d _n 1940 by c_rt__n_sts
W_ll__m H_nn_ _nd J_s_ph B_rb_r_. Th_ sh_w_s b__t
th_ l_v_s _f T_m C_t _nd J_rry M__s_, wh_ l_v_ _n th_
s_m_ h__s _nd _r_b_g_r_v_ls. H_nn_ _nd B_rb_r_
pr_d_c_d 114 T_m _nd J_rry c_rt__ns fr_m 1940 t_
1957. Th_ c_rt__ns w_n th_ _sc_r_f_r th_ b_st
_n_m_t_d Sh_r_t F_lm s_v_n t_m_s. Th_ sh_ws h_v_
b_c_m_ _n_ _f th_ m_st p_p_l_r c_rt__ns _n
_n_m_t__n h_st_ry. Th_y _r_ p_t _n ch_ldr_n's TV
_v_ry d_y _n m_ny c__ntr__s. _n_m_t__n xp_rt St_v_
_br_h_rt s__d th_ q__l_ty _f _n_m_t__n _n th_ __rly
T_m _nd J_rry c_rt__ns w_s "s_p_rb". M_ny p__pl_
p_st_d _n Tw_tt_r t_s_y _t w_s "m_dn_ss" f_r _m_z_n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1410/141004-tom-and-jerry.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 Amazon's warning. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. TOM AND JERRY: Write a magazine article about Tom and Jerry getting a warning from Amazon for being racist. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against the warning.

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 cartoons. Ask him/her three questions about Tom and Jerry. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. warning | a. caution |
| 2. contain | b. include |
| 3. commonplace | c. normal |
| 4. wrong | d. unsuitable |
| 5. worries | e. concerns |
| 6. created | f. made |
| 7. rivals | g. enemies |
| 8. popular | h. well-liked |
| 9. superb | i. excellent |
| 10. madness | j. stupidity |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Giant
2. Volume 2
3. They were wrong
4. A black maid
5. The 1960s
6. 1940
7. 114
8. Seven
9. They were superb
10. Madness

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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