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Level 0

French radio wants to play English songs

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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French DJs are angry about a new rule. They are already unhappy because 40 per cent of radio songs must be in French. Now the French songs must all be different. French people might switch to streaming services instead of listening to the radio. Many French singers already sing in English to be popular around the world.

The new rule is to protect French culture, music and language from the English language. French musicians said the new law is necessary. They said radio stations should not be, "allowed to do what they want when it comes to language". One musician said it is important for French musicians and singers to make money.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34422307>
<http://www.thelocal.fr/20150930/french-music-quotas-a-necessary-evil-that-must-stay>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. French DJs are angry | a. services |
| 2. 40 per cent of radio songs | b. popular |
| 3. the French songs must all | c. must be in French |
| 4. French people might | d. the world |
| 5. streaming | e. to the radio |
| 6. listening | f. about a new rule |
| 7. sing in English to be | g. be different |
| 8. around | h. switch |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. The new | a. culture |
| 2. protect French | b. to make money |
| 3. the English | c. rule |
| 4. French musicians said the new law | d. what they want |
| 5. radio | e. language |
| 6. allowed to do | f. stations |
| 7. when it comes | g. is necessary |
| 8. important for French musicians and singers | h. to language |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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French DJs are angry (1) _____. They are already (2) _____ 40 per cent of radio songs (3) _____ French. Now the French songs must all be different. French people (4) _____ streaming services (5) _____ to the radio. Many French singers already sing in English (6) _____ around the world.

The new rule (7) _____ French culture, music and (8) _____ English language. French musicians said (9) _____ necessary. They said radio stations should not be, "(10) _____ what they want (11) _____ language". One musician said (12) _____ French musicians and singers to make money.

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) _____

