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Men to be NFL cheerleaders for first time ever

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THE READING

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NFL fans will soon be in for a surprise. For the first time, an NFL team will have male cheerleaders. The Los Angeles Rams have recruited two men as part of its official spirit squad. Quinton Peron and Napoleon Jinnies will be the first men in NFL history to dance alongside their female counterparts. Other NFL teams have men who do stunts, but they do not dance. Quinton and Napoleon are both classically trained dancers with years of experience. They were selected after a rigorous three-week-long process of auditions and interviews.

The captain of the LA Rams cheerleader squad talked about her new colleagues in an interview on TV. She said: "They really just fit the bill to be a Los Angeles Rams cheerleader. They are intelligent; they are eloquent; they are more than qualified to be ambassadors out in the community." She added: "They bring so much energy and there's something so magnetic about their performance that you really can't take your eyes off them." Napoleon praised the team for welcoming them and said he was "humbled" by his new role. He wants to prove that "boys can dance too".

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/nfl/rams/2018/03/28/los-angeles-rams-male-cheerleaders-make-nfl-history/466967002/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. soon be in | a. of experience |
| 2. recruited | b. trained dancers |
| 3. dance alongside their female | c. interviews |
| 4. men who | d. counterparts |
| 5. classically | e. long process |
| 6. years | f. for a surprise |
| 7. a rigorous three-week- | g. do stunts |
| 8. auditions and | h. two men |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. talked about her new | a. by his new role |
| 2. They really just fit | b. much energy |
| 3. they are | c. can dance too |
| 4. They bring so | d. colleagues |
| 5. you really can't take your eyes | e. the bill |
| 6. praised the team for | f. off them |
| 7. he was humbled | g. eloquent |
| 8. prove that boys | h. welcoming them |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (7) _____ LA Rams cheerleader squad talked about her new colleagues in an interview on TV. She said: "They (8) _____ the bill to be a Los Angeles Rams cheerleader. They are intelligent; (9) _____; they are more than qualified to be ambassadors out in the community." She added: "They bring so much energy and there's something (10) _____ their performance that you really can't take your (11) _____." Napoleon praised the team for welcoming them and said he was "humbled" by his new role. He (12) _____ that "boys can dance too".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHEERLEADERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cheerleaders 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 **cheerleaders** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
