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**Level 5 – 29th July, 2021**

## **Pink offers to pay Norway's handball bikini fine**

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# THE READING

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The singer Pink has got involved in a beach handball sexism row. She offered to pay the fine given to Norway's women's team after they refused to wear bikini bottoms at the 2021 European Beach Handball Championships. The European Handball Federation (EHF) fined the team \$1,765 for not following the rules and for wearing "improper clothing". Male competitors were allowed to wear shorts, but the women were required to wear bikinis. Pink took to Twitter and offered to pay the fine. She added that the EHF should be fined "for sexism".

Norway's handball federation said bikinis were "not appropriate clothing for...playing in the sand". The team's request to wear shorts was turned down. Male players were allowed to wear shirts and shorts no longer than 10cm above the knee; while women were expected to wear very short tops and bikini bottoms "with a close fit and cut on an upward angle toward the top of the leg". Norway called the dress rule discriminatory, antiquated and "completely ridiculous". It questioned: "How many attitude changes are needed in the old-fashioned international patriarchy of sports?"

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210729-pink-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The singer Pink has got       | a. wear bikini bottoms |
| 2. a beach handball sexism       | b. row                 |
| 3. She offered to pay the        | c. clothing            |
| 4. they refused to               | d. for sexism          |
| 5. not following                 | e. to wear shorts      |
| 6. wearing improper              | f. fine                |
| 7. Male competitors were allowed | g. involved            |
| 8. the EHF should be fined       | h. the rules           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. not appropriate                   | a. ridiculous           |
| 2. The team's request to wear shorts | b. short tops           |
| 3. no longer than 10cm               | c. patriarchy of sports |
| 4. expected to wear very             | d. the top of the leg   |
| 5. an upward angle toward            | e. clothing             |
| 6. Norway called the dress           | f. was turned down      |
| 7. antiquated and completely         | g. rule discriminatory  |
| 8. the old-fashioned international   | h. above the knee       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The singer Pink has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a beach handball sexism row. She offered to pay the fine given to Norway's women's team after they (2) \_\_\_\_\_ bikini bottoms at the 2021 European Beach Handball Championships. The European Handball Federation (EHF) (3) \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,765 for not following the rules and for (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Male competitors were allowed to wear shorts, but the women were (5) \_\_\_\_\_ bikinis. Pink took to Twitter and offered to pay the fine. She added that the EHF should be (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Norway's handball federation said bikinis were "(7) \_\_\_\_\_ for...playing in the sand". The team's request to wear shorts (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Male players were allowed to wear shirts and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ than 10cm above the knee; while women (10) \_\_\_\_\_ wear very short tops and bikini bottoms "with a close fit and cut on (11) \_\_\_\_\_ toward the top of the leg". Norway called the dress rule discriminatory, antiquated and "completely ridiculous". It questioned: "How many attitude changes are needed in the old-fashioned international (12) \_\_\_\_\_?"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BEACH HANDBALL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210729-pink-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about beach handball 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) \_\_\_\_\_

