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U.S. rock group banned from Russia

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THE ARTICLE

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A rock group from the USA have been banned from performing at a music festival in Russia after a band member stuffed the Russian flag inside his pants. Jared Hasselhoff, the bass player with the band Bloodhound Gang, was filmed pushing the flag into the front of his pants and pulling it out the back. The band were performing at a concert in the Ukrainian city of Odessa on July 31st. Hasselhoff grabbed the flag and yelled to the crowd, "Don't tell Putin," before his stunt. His antics led Russia's Culture Minister Vladimir Medinsky to describe the band as "idiots" and banned them from playing their scheduled slot at Russia's Kubana music festival this week. Hasselhoff later apologised for his actions.

The band are still in Russia and may face criminal charges. Alexander Tkachyov, the governor of the region holding the festival, tweeted: "For such pranks they should be behind bars." Russian lawmaker Vladimir Markin told reporters: "A crime defined by Article 329 of the Russian Criminal Code is the defiling of the Russian state flag. This crime has been committed and this is a premeditated offense." He added: "We will do our best to identify and bring to court every person involved." A comment posted on the Voice of Russia website called Hasselhoff's actions an "unpardonable and inexcusable criminal act" that breached Russian laws and insulted Russians worldwide.

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WARM-UPS

1. NATIONAL FLAGS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about national flags. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

rock group / banned / music festival / national flag / performing / idiots / apologized / criminal charges / be behind bars / premeditated / identify / unpardonable / insulted

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

3. NATIONAL: How important are these? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

National...	How important?	Why?
flag		
anthem		
cuisine		
borders		
flower		
sports teams		

4. RESPECT: Students A **strongly** believe people should respect flags from other nations; Students B **strongly** believe flags are not important. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. PRIDE: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the times you feel most proud of your flag at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- at the Olympics
- as a tattoo
- at an environmental summit
- in space
- going into your country
- at a national celebration
- at the United Nations
- on a soldier's uniform

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. An American rock band have been banned from singing in Russia. | T / F |
| b. The bass player put Russia's flag in his pants at a concert in Moscow. | T / F |
| c. Russia's Culture Minister said the band members were idiots. | T / F |
| d. The bass player has yet to apologise for what he did. | T / F |
| e. It's possible the band could go to court over what happened. | T / F |
| f. A Russian governor said the band should go to prison. | T / F |
| g. It is not a crime to disrespect the Russian flag. | T / F |
| h. A post on a Russian website urged Russians to forgive the band. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. banned | a. broke |
| 2. stuffed | b. fools |
| 3. yelled | c. timetabled |
| 4. idiots | d. crime |
| 5. scheduled | e. come up against |
| 6. face | f. in prison |
| 7. behind bars | g. prohibited |
| 8. offense | h. slandered |
| 9. breached | i. pushed |
| 10. insulted | j. cried out |

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. banned from performing | a. holding the festival |
| 2. the bass | b. offense |
| 3. describe the band | c. slot |
| 4. playing their scheduled | d. at a music festival |
| 5. Hasselhoff later apologised | e. behind bars |
| 6. face criminal | f. player with the band |
| 7. the governor of the region | g. inexcusable criminal act |
| 8. For such pranks they should be | h. for his actions |
| 9. this is a premeditated | i. charges |
| 10. an unpardonable and | j. as "idiots" |

GAP FILL

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130806-music_festival.html

A rock group from the USA have been banned from (1) _____ at a music festival in Russia after a band member (2) _____ the Russian flag inside his pants. Jared Hasselhoff, the bass player with the band Bloodhound Gang, was (3) _____ pushing the flag into the front of his pants and pulling it out the back. The band were performing at a concert in the Ukrainian city of Odessa on July 31st. Hasselhoff (4) _____ the flag and yelled to the crowd, "Don't tell Putin," before his (5) _____. His antics led Russia's Culture Minister Vladimir Medinsky to describe the band as "(6) _____ " and banned them from playing their (7) _____ slot at Russia's Kubana music festival this week. Hasselhoff later (8) _____ for his actions.

stunt

scheduled

grabbed

stuffed

idiots

performing

apologised

filmed

The band are still in Russia and may face criminal (9) _____. Alexander Tkachyov, the governor of the (10) _____ holding the festival, tweeted: "For such pranks they should be behind (11) _____." Russian lawmaker Vladimir Markin told reporters: "A crime (12) _____ by Article 329 of the Russian Criminal Code is the defiling of the Russian (13) _____ flag. This crime has been committed and this is a premeditated offense." He added: "We will do our best to identify and bring to court every person (14) _____." A comment posted on the Voice of Russia website called Hasselhoff's actions an "unpardonable and (15) _____ criminal act" that breached Russian laws and (16) _____ Russians worldwide.

defined

insulted

region

involved

charges

inexcusable

bars

state

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) A rock group from the USA have been banned from _____ music festival
 - a. performance at a
 - b. perform in at a
 - c. performing at a
 - d. performances at a
- 2) filmed pushing the flag into the front of his pants and pulling _____
 - a. it in the back
 - b. it out the back
 - c. it from the back
 - d. it over the back
- 3) yelled to the crowd, "Don't tell Putin," _____
 - a. before his stint
 - b. before his stunt
 - c. before his stand
 - d. before his stunts
- 4) describe the band as "idiots" and banned them from playing _____
 - a. their scheduled slot
 - b. their scheduled spot
 - c. their scheduled slop
 - d. their scheduled clot
- 5) Hasselhoff later apologised _____
 - a. for his actions
 - b. of his actions
 - c. from his actions
 - d. over his actions
- 6) The band are still in Russia and may _____
 - a. face criminal charge
 - b. face criminal charges
 - c. face criminal charging
 - d. face criminal chargers
- 7) For such pranks they should _____
 - a. be behind bars
 - b. be behind pipes
 - c. be behind tubes
 - d. be behind rods
- 8) This crime has been committed and this is _____
 - a. a premeditated defense
 - b. a premeditated offense
 - c. a premeditated of fence
 - d. a premeditated offensive
- 9) an unpardonable _____ criminal act
 - a. and in ex-usable
 - b. and an excuses ball
 - c. and inexcusable
 - d. and inaccessible
- 10) breached Russian laws and _____
 - a. insulted Russians worldwide
 - b. insults Russians worldwide
 - c. insulting Russians worldwide
 - d. insult Russians worldwide

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130806-music_festival.html

A rock group from the USA have (1) _____ performing at a music festival in Russia after a band (2) _____ Russian flag inside his pants. Jared Hasselhoff, the bass player with the band Bloodhound Gang, (3) _____ the flag into the front of his pants and pulling it out the back. The band were performing at a concert in the Ukrainian city of Odessa on July 31st. Hasselhoff grabbed the flag and yelled to the crowd, "Don't tell Putin," (4) _____. His antics led Russia's Culture Minister Vladimir Medinsky to describe (5) _____ and banned them from playing (6) _____ at Russia's Kubana music festival this week. Hasselhoff later apologised for his actions.

The band are still in Russia and may (7) _____. Alexander Tkachyov, the governor (8) _____ the festival, tweeted: "For such pranks they should (9) _____." Russian lawmaker Vladimir Markin told reporters: "A crime defined by Article 329 of the Russian Criminal Code is the defiling of the Russian state flag. This crime has been committed and this is a (10) _____." He added: "We will do our best to identify and bring to court (11) _____." A comment posted on the Voice of Russia website called Hasselhoff's actions an "unpardonable and (12) _____" that breached Russian laws and insulted Russians worldwide.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130806-music_festival.html

1. What instrument did Hasselhoff play?

2. In which city were the band performing?

3. Who did Hasselhoff ask people not to tell?

4. How did Russia's Culture Minister describe the band?

5. What music festival were the band scheduled to play at?

6. What could happen to the band now?

7. Where did a regional governor say the band should be?

8. What does Article 329 say?

9. What kind of offense did a lawmaker say the crime was?

10. Who was insulted, according to a website comment?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130806-music_festival.html

1. What instrument did the band member play?
 - a) cello
 - b) saxophone
 - c) drums
 - d) bass
2. In which city were the band performing?
 - a) Moscow
 - b) Odessa
 - c) St Petersburg
 - d) Vladivostok
3. Who did Hasselhoff ask people not to tell?
 - a) Barack Obama
 - b) anyone
 - c) Vladimir Putin
 - d) the lead singer
4. How did Russia's Culture Minister describe the band?
 - a) as "idiots"
 - b) as "imbeciles"
 - c) as "fools"
 - d) as "morons"
5. What music festival were the band scheduled to play at?
 - a) Vladivostok Summer Sounds
 - b) Woodstock
 - c) Kubana
 - d) Moscow Rock Festival
6. What could happen to the band now?
 - a) they could sign a new record deal
 - b) they could face criminal charges
 - c) they could split up
 - d) they could sell more records
7. Where did a regional governor say the band should be?
 - a) in Hollywood
 - b) on stage
 - c) on an airplane
 - d) in prison
8. What does Article 329 say?
 - a) that disrespecting Russia's flag is a crime
 - b) singers cannot use bad language
 - c) it defines Russia's Criminal Code
 - d) that defiling the flag means 10 years in prison
9. What kind of offense did a lawmaker say the crime was?
 - a) a serious one
 - b) a petty one
 - c) a premeditated one
 - d) an unforgivable one
10. Who was insulted, according to a website comment?
 - a) Vladimir Putin
 - b) Russians worldwide
 - c) the festival organisers
 - d) members of the concert audience

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – National flag

You think the national flag is most important. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the national anthem, the national sports team or the national cuisine.

Role B – National anthem

You think the national anthem is most important. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the national flag, the national sports team or the national cuisine.

Role C – National sports team

You think the national sports team is most important. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the national anthem, the national flag or the national cuisine.

Role D – National cuisine

You think the national cuisine is most important. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the national anthem, the national sports team or the national flag.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130806-music_festival.html

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

music	festival

- 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">• stuffed• filmed• concert• yelled• idiots• actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• face• region• defined• offense• court• insulted
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NATIONAL FLAGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about national flags 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.

NATIONAL FLAGS DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'flag'?
- c) How important is your national flag to you?
- d) What do you know about the history of your flag?
- e) What do you think of Jared Hasselhoff's actions?
- f) How would you feel if someone did that to your flag?
- g) Would it be different if a Russian did that to their flag?
- h) Why do you think Hasselhoff did what he did?
- i) Is it right to ban the band from performing in Russia?
- j) How far will Hasselhoff's apologies go?

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NATIONAL FLAGS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Should the band face criminal charges?
- c) Should the band be behind bars?
- d) How does your flag make you feel?
- e) Do bands have a responsibility to behave when in other countries?
- f) What do you think of people burning flags from other countries on the news?
- g) Besides your own, what's the best flag in the world?
- h) How will Hasselhoff's actions affect the band's image?
- i) Was what Hasselhoff did "unpardonable and inexcusable"?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Jared Hasselhoff?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) stuffed | (b) staffed | (c) stiffed | (d) stifled |
| 2. | (a) filming | (b) recording | (c) filmed | (d) recorded |
| 3. | (a) yearned | (b) yelped | (c) talked | (d) yelled |
| 4. | (a) attics | (b) antics | (c) antibiotics | (d) antiques |
| 5. | (a) idioms | (b) idiot | (c) idiocy | (d) idiots |
| 6. | (a) aperture | (b) niche | (c) slot | (d) slit |
| 7. | (a) head | (b) face | (c) body | (d) back |
| 8. | (a) holding | (b) bearing | (c) occupying | (d) detaining |
| 9. | (a) bars | (b) tubes | (c) pipes | (d) rods |
| 10. | (a) refilling | (b) unflinching | (c) defiling | (d) exfoliating |
| 11. | (a) involving | (b) involves | (c) involvement | (d) involved |
| 12. | (a) broached | (b) breached | (c) beached | (d) bleached |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. banned from iermrfgpno
2. ftsfdue the Russian flag inside his pants
3. at a tconrec in the Ukrainian city of Odessa
4. describe the band as "isoidt"
5. playing their euscdedhl slot
6. Hasselhoff later adsgeliopo (UK) / azioegdpol (USA)

Paragraph 2

7. face riimcanl charges
8. the eogrin holding the festival
9. finlidge of the Russian state flag
10. a premeditated esnfeof
11. becalxenusi criminal act
12. eacrdhbe Russian laws

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () pulling it out the back. The band were performing at a concert in the Ukrainian city of Odessa on July 31st. Hasselhoff grabbed
- () lawmaker Vladimir Markin told reporters: "A crime defined by Article 329 of the Russian Criminal Code is the defiling
- () after a band member stuffed the Russian flag inside his pants. Jared Hasselhoff, the bass
- () of the region holding the festival, tweeted: "For such pranks they should be behind bars." Russian
- () offense." He added: "We will do our best to identify and bring to court every person involved." A comment
- () led Russia's Culture Minister Vladimir Medinsky to describe the band as "idiots" and banned them from playing their scheduled
- (**1**) A rock group from the USA have been banned from performing at a music festival in Russia
- () the flag and yelled to the crowd, "Don't tell Putin," before his stunt. His antics
- () slot at Russia's Kubana music festival this week. Hasselhoff later apologised for his actions.
- () of the Russian state flag. This crime has been committed and this is a premeditated
- () posted on the Voice of Russia website called Hasselhoff's actions an "unpardonable and
- () The band are still in Russia and may face criminal charges. Alexander Tkachyov, the governor
- () inexcusable criminal act" that breached Russian laws and insulted Russians worldwide.
- () player with the band Bloodhound Gang, was filmed pushing the flag into the front of his pants and

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. a in Banned at festival performing music Russia from.

2. band the inside A stuffed flag pants member Russian his.

3. concert in the Ukrainian city of Odessa Performing at a.

4. yelled crowd grabbed and the Hasselhoff flag to the.

5. scheduled slot Banned . them from playing their

6. still are band The charges criminal face may and Russia in.

7. be For should they bars pranks behind such.

8. every and person bring involved to court Identify.

9. comment the Russia A on of posted Voice website.

10. Russians insulted and laws Russian Breached worldwide.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A rock group from the USA have been banned from performing at a music festival in Russia *after / following* a band member stuffed the Russian flag inside his pants. Jared Hasselhoff, the *bass / bassist* player with the band Bloodhound Gang, was *filmed / filming* pushing the flag into the front of his pants and pulling it *outside / out* the back. The band were performing at a concert in the Ukrainian city *for / of* Odessa on July 31st. Hasselhoff grabbed the flag and *yelled / talked* to the crowd, "Don't tell Putin," before his *strut / stunt*. His *antiquities / antics* led Russia's Culture Minister Vladimir Medinsky to describe the band as "idiots" and banned them from playing their scheduled *slot / slit* at Russia's Kubana music festival this week. Hasselhoff *later / lately* apologised for his actions.

The band are still in Russia and may *face / head* criminal charges. Alexander Tkachyov, the governor of the *regional / region* holding the festival, tweeted: "For such *planks / pranks* they should be behind *bars / bar*." Russian lawmaker Vladimir Markin told reporters: "A *crime / criminal* defined by Article 329 of the Russian Criminal Code is the *refiling / defiling* of the Russian state flag. This *crime / criminal* has been committed and this is a premeditated offense." He added: "We will do our best to *identity / identify* and bring to court every person *involved / involvement*." A comment posted on the Voice of Russia website called Hasselhoff's actions an "unpardonable and inexcusable criminal act" that *bleached / breached* Russian laws and insulted Russians worldwide.

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)

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_ r_ ck gr_ _p fr_ m th_ _S_ h_ v_ b_ _n b_ nn_ d fr_ m
p_ rf_ rm_ ng_ t_ _m_ s_ c_ f_ st_ v_ l_ n R_ ss_ _ ft_ r_ _ b_ nd
m_ mb_ r_ st_ ff_ d_ th_ R_ ss_ _n fl_ g_ _ns_ d_ _ h_ s_ p_ nts.
J_ r_ d_ H_ ss_ lh_ ff, th_ b_ ss_ pl_ y_ r_ w_ th_ th_ b_ nd
Bl_ _dh_ _nd G_ ng, w_ s_ f_ lm_ d_ p_ sh_ ng_ th_ fl_ g_ _nt_
th_ fr_ nt_ _f_ h_ s_ p_ nts_ nd p_ ll_ ng_ _t_ _t_ th_ b_ ck. Th_
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Vl_ d_ m_ r M_ d_ nsky t_ d_ scr_ b_ th_ b_ nd_ s_ "d_ _ts"
nd b nn_ d_ th_ m_ fr_ m_ pl_ y_ ng_ th_ _r_ sch_ d_ l_ d_ sl_ t_ _t_
R_ ss_ _'s K_ b_ n_ m_ s_ c_ f_ st_ v_ l_ th_ s_ w_ _k. H_ ss_ lh_ ff
l_ t_ r_ p_ l_ g_ s_ d_ f_ r_ h_ s_ _ct_ _ns.

Th_ b_ nd_ _r_ st_ ll_ _n R_ ss_ _ _nd m_ y_ f_ c_ cr_ m_ n_ l
ch_ rg_ s. _l_ x_ nd_ r_ Tk_ chy_ v, th_ g_ v_ rn_ r_ _f_ th_
r_ g_ _n h_ ld_ ng_ th_ f_ st_ v_ l, tw_ _t_ d: "F_ r_ s_ ch pr_ nks
th_ y_ sh_ _ld_ b_ _ b_ h_ nd_ b_ rs." R_ ss_ _n l_ wm_ k_ r
Vl_ d_ m_ r M_ rk_ n_ t_ ld_ r_ p_ rt_ rs: "_ cr_ m_ d_ f_ n_ d_ by
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d_ f_ l_ ng_ _f_ th_ R_ ss_ _n st_ t_ fl_ g. Th_ s_ cr_ m_ h_ s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130806-music_festival.html

a rock group from the usa have been banned from performing at a music festival in russia after a band member stuffed the russian flag inside his pants jared hasselhoff the bass player with the band bloodhound gang was filmed pushing the flag into the front of his pants and pulling it out the back the band were performing at a concert in the ukrainian city of odessa on july 31st hasselhoff grabbed the flag and yelled to the crowd "don't tell putin" before his stunt his antics led russia's culture minister vladimir medinsky to describe the band as "idiots" and banned them from playing their scheduled slot at russia's kubana music festival this week hasselhoff later apologised for his actions

the band are still in russia and may face criminal charges alexander tkachyov the governor of the region holding the festival tweeted "for such pranks they should be behind bars" russian lawmaker vladimir markin told reporters "a crime defined by article 329 of the russian criminal code is the defiling of the russian state flag this crime has been committed and this is a premeditated offense" he added "we will do our best to identify and bring to court every person involved" a comment posted on the voice of russia website called hasselhoff's actions an "unpardonable and inexcusable criminal act" that breached russian laws and insulted russians worldwide

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. NATIONAL FLAGS: Make a poster about national flags. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BLOODHOUND GANG: Write a magazine article about this band. Include imaginary interviews with people who are shocked at their antics and those who think they are OK.

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 the bass player. Ask him/her three questions about his actions. Give him/her three pieces of advice for concerts in other countries. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. banned | a. prohibited |
| 2. stuffed | b. pushed |
| 3. yelled | c. cried out |
| 4. idiots | d. fools |
| 5. scheduled | e. timetabled |
| 6. face | f. come up against |
| 7. behind bars | g. in prison |
| 8. offense | h. crime |
| 9. breached | i. broke |
| 10. insulted | j. slandered |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Bass
2. Odessa
3. (Vladimir) Putin
4. As "idiots"
5. Kubana
6. They may face criminal charges
7. In prison
8. That defiling Russia's flag is a crime
9. A premeditated one
10. Russians worldwide

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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