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**Level 5 – 23rd November, 2019**

## **Rock band Coldplay not touring to save environment**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191123-concert-tour-5.html>

The band Coldplay announced it will not be going on tour to promote its new album because of the environmental damage it might cause. It is standard business practice in the music industry to accompany a new album release with a world tour. Concert tours are often money-spinners and generate more profits than music sales. Coldplay decided a tour would have a negative impact on the environment. Lead singer Chris Martin told the BBC that the band wanted any future tours to "have a positive impact" on the environment.

Coldplay is taking time off to look at options on how tours can be more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Mr Martin said he wanted future tours to be "actively beneficial". He said the band's next tour would care about the environment and that he would be "disappointed if it's not carbon neutral". He wants tours to be about giving as well as taking. The band's new double album, "Everyday Life," reflects their feelings about the environment. Coldplay will put on a one-off concert for their fans in London. All of the money from this concert will be donated to an environmental charity.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-50490700>  
<https://www.thejournal.ie/coldplay-climate-tour-4900184-Nov2019/>  
<https://www.nme.com/news/music/coldplay-say-wont-touring-live-can-make-touring-environmentally-beneficial-2570153>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191123-concert-tour-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. it will not be going     | a. business practice |
| 2. promote its              | b. profits           |
| 3. the environmental damage | c. impact            |
| 4. It is standard           | d. money-spinners    |
| 5. in the music             | e. it might cause    |
| 6. Concert tours are often  | f. on tour           |
| 7. generate more            | g. industry          |
| 8. have a positive          | h. new album         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Coldplay is taking time off to    | a. album             |
| 2. how tours can be more             | b. neutral           |
| 3. care about                        | c. charity           |
| 4. carbon                            | d. as well as taking |
| 5. He wants tours to be about giving | e. off concert       |
| 6. The band's new double             | f. look at options   |
| 7. Coldplay will put on a one-       | g. the environment   |
| 8. donated to an environmental       | h. sustainable       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The band Coldplay announced it will not be going on (1) \_\_\_\_\_ its new album because of the environmental damage it might cause. It is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in the music industry to accompany a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ with a world tour. Concert tours are often money-spinners (4) \_\_\_\_\_ profits than music sales. Coldplay decided a tour would have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on the environment. Lead singer Chris Martin told the BBC that the band wanted any future tours to "have a positive impact" (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Coldplay is taking time off to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on how tours can (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and environmentally friendly. Mr Martin said he wanted future tours to be "actively beneficial". He said the band's next tour would care about the environment and that he (9) \_\_\_\_\_ if it's not carbon neutral. He wants tours to be about giving as well as taking.

The band's (10) \_\_\_\_\_, "Everyday Life," reflects their feelings about the environment. Coldplay will put on (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for their fans in London. All of the money from this concert will be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ environmental charity.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CONCERT TOURS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191123-concert-tour-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about concert tours 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191123-concert-tour-5.html>

Write about **concert tours** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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