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Level 0

Ed Sheeran takes a year's break from social media

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THE READING

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Singer Ed Sheeran is taking a break from social media. He is fed up with it. He has over 20 million followers on social media and he often posts about his personal life. Now he wants a rest. He wrote: "I'm taking a break from...all social media for a while." He added: "I find myself seeing the world through a screen and not my eyes."

Sheeran has been touring the world giving concerts since August 2014. He now wants to relax and see the world. He will also have an operation on his ear. He has good news for his fans. He has finished his third album. He said it is the best so far. He thanked his fans and said he would be back next autumn.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-35086793>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. He is fed | a. life |
| 2. He has over 20 | b. while |
| 3. he often | c. up with it |
| 4. personal | d. through a screen |
| 5. he wants | e. million followers |
| 6. I'm taking a | f. posts |
| 7. for a | g. break |
| 8. seeing the world | h. a rest |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. touring the | a. news |
| 2. giving | b. to relax |
| 3. He now wants | c. so far |
| 4. have an operation | d. world |
| 5. good | e. album |
| 6. He has finished his third | f. concerts |
| 7. the best | g. next autumn |
| 8. he would be back | h. on his ear |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Singer Ed Sheeran is (1) _____ from social media. He is (2) _____ it. He has over 20 million followers on social media and he (3) _____ about his personal life. Now he (4) _____. He wrote: "I'm taking a break from...all social media (5) _____." He added: "I find myself seeing the world through a screen (6) _____ eyes."

Sheeran (7) _____ the world giving concerts since August 2014. (8) _____ to relax and see the world. He (9) _____ an operation on his ear. He has (10) _____ his fans. He has finished his third album. He said it is (11) _____ far. He thanked his fans and said he (12) _____ next autumn.

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **social media** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
