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Level 5 – 10th October

Anger over horse race ad on Sydney Opera House

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181010-sydney-opera-house-5.html>

The public in Australia is angry over controversial plans to use the Sydney Opera House as a "billboard". Tens of thousands of people signed a petition to block plans to project an advertisement for the Everest Cup horse race onto the white sails of the Opera House. The race is the richest in the world. The decision to use the Opera House for the ad has the support of Australia's Prime Minister. He said: "It's not like they're painting it on there....It's lights flashing up there for a brief moment of time....I don't understand why we tie ourselves up in knots about these things."

The former chief of the Opera House said the decision to advertise on the world-famous landmark was "inappropriate and offensive". He said: "I find it extraordinary...politicians...have somehow decided that this is in the interests of Sydney...or Australia to corrupt the...art integrity of the building." The son of Peter Hall, the architect who helped complete the Opera House, said: "My father would have been sickened by it....He would not have condoned advertising on the building in any way. Lucky he's not around to see the desecration of our beautiful, iconic masterpiece."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/oct/08/former-sydney-opera-house-boss-offensive-ad-horse-race>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. The public | a. moment of time |
| 2. controversial | b. in knots |
| 3. thousands of people signed | c. up there |
| 4. onto the white sails of | d. plans |
| 5. the ad has the support of | e. the Opera House |
| 6. It's lights flashing | f. in Australia is angry |
| 7. for a brief | g. Australia's Prime Minister |
| 8. we tie ourselves up | h. a petition |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The former chief | a. interests of Sydney |
| 2. the decision to | b. advertising |
| 3. I find it | c. the Opera House |
| 4. this is in the | d. masterpiece |
| 5. the architect who helped complete | e. advertise |
| 6. My father would have been | f. of the Opera House |
| 7. He would not have condoned | g. extraordinary |
| 8. our beautiful, iconic | h. sickened by it |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The public in Australia is angry over controversial (1) _____ the Sydney Opera House as a "billboard". Tens of thousands of people (2) _____ to block plans to project an advertisement for the Everest Cup horse race onto the (3) _____ the Opera House. The race is the richest in the world. The decision to use the Opera House for the ad (4) _____ of Australia's Prime Minister. He said: "It's not like they're painting it on there....It's (5) _____ there for a brief moment of time....I don't understand (6) _____ ourselves up in knots about these things."

The (7) _____ the Opera House said the decision to advertise on the world-famous landmark was "inappropriate and offensive". He said: "(8) _____ extraordinary...politicians...have somehow decided that this is (9) _____ of Sydney...or Australia to corrupt the...art integrity of the building." The son of Peter Hall, (10) _____ helped complete the Opera House, said: "My father would have (11) _____ it....He would not have condoned advertising on the building in any way. Lucky he's not around to see the desecration of (12) _____ masterpiece."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181010-sydney-opera-house-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Sydney Opera House 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) _____

