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**Level 6 – 29th July, 2021**

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

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# THE ARTICLE

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

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

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# WARM-UPS

**1. BEACH HANDBALL:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about beach handball. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

sexism / sport / beach / handball / bikini / fine / clothing / competitors / team / president / appropriate / sand / championships / knee / angle / ridiculous / attitude

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

**3. SEXIST:** Students A **strongly** believe requiring female athletes to wear bikinis is sexist; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SPORTSWEAR:** What do you think of the things these athletes wear? How could they be improved? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Sportswear	Improvements
Soccer players		
Baseball players		
Gymnasts		
Ice hockey players		
Skateboarders		
Golfers		

**5. PINK:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "pink". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. BEACH ACTIVITIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best beach activities at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Handball
- Volleyball
- Sunbathing
- Building sandcastles
- Beachcombing
- Barbecue
- Jogging
- Collecting shells

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1. involved   | a. Acting in accordance with a wish or command.   |
| 2. handed out | b. Not in accordance with accepted rules or standards, especially of morality or honesty.         |
| 3. improper   | c. Given.   |
| 4. federation | d. Prejudice, stereotyping, or discrimination, typically against women, on the basis of sex.      |
| 5. complying  | e. Caused a person or group to experience or participate in an activity or situation.             |
| 6. regulation | f. An organization or group within which smaller divisions have some degree of internal autonomy. |
| 7. sexism     | g. A rule or directive made and kept by an authority.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. appropriate     | h. Rejected or refused.   |
| 9. turned down     | i. Making or showing an unfair or prejudicial distinction between different categories of people or things, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex. |
| 10. midriff        | j. A part of society or government in which men hold the power and women are largely excluded from it.  |
| 11. baring         | k. The area of the front of the body between the chest and the waist.   |
| 12. discriminatory | l. Old-fashioned or outdated.   |
| 13. antiquated     | m. Uncovering a part of the body or other thing and exposing it to view.  |
| 14. patriarchy     | n. Suitable or proper in the circumstances.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. The singer Pink is in trouble after she wore a bikini in a handball game. **T / F**
2. Norwegian beach handball players were fined at the Tokyo Olympics. **T / F**
3. The European Handball Federation fined the Norwegian team. **T / F**
4. Pink said the European Handball Federation should be fined for sexism. **T / F**
5. Norway's handball federation said bikinis were appropriate clothing. **T / F**
6. Male handball players can wear shorts 10cm below the knee. **T / F**
7. Female handball players are expected to expose their stomachs. **T / F**
8. Norway's Ministry of Culture suggested sport is too male dominated. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>row</b>            | a. suitable     |
| 2. <b>aid</b>            | b. permitted    |
| 3. <b>fined</b>          | c. absurd       |
| 4. <b>allowed</b>        | d. assistance   |
| 5. <b>complying with</b> | e. call         |
| 6. <b>appropriate</b>    | f. outdated     |
| 7. <b>request</b>        | g. argument     |
| 8. <b>discriminatory</b> | h. observing    |
| 9. <b>antiquated</b>     | i. chauvinistic |
| 10. <b>ridiculous</b>    | j. penalised    |

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

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Singer-songwriter Pink has got involved     | a. clothing               |
| 2. She has come to the aid of the              | b. rule                   |
| 3. improper                                    | c. fined for sexism       |
| 4. fined the team \$1,765 for not complying    | d. of sports              |
| 5. She added that the EHF should be            | e. baring tops            |
| 6. not appropriate clothing                    | f. in a sexism row        |
| 7. The team's request                          | g. for the activity       |
| 8. women were expected to wear midriff-        | h. to wear shorts         |
| 9. the discriminatory dress                    | i. with the regulations   |
| 10. the old-fashioned international patriarchy | j. Norwegian women's team |

# GAP FILL

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

Singer-songwriter Pink has got (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in a sexism row in the sport of beach handball. She has come to the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Norwegian women's team after they were fined for not wearing bikini bottoms during the 2021 European Beach Handball Championships. The singer has offered to pay the fines (3) \_\_\_\_\_ out to Norway's competitors for wearing (4) \_\_\_\_\_ clothing". Male competitors were allowed to wear shorts, but the women were (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to wear bikinis. The European Handball Federation (EHF) fined the team \$1,765 for not (6) \_\_\_\_\_ with the regulations. Pink took to Twitter and offered to pay the (7) \_\_\_\_\_. She added that the EHF should be fined "for (8) \_\_\_\_\_".

*aid*  
*sexism*  
*improper*  
*complying*  
*involved*  
*fine*  
*handed*  
*required*

The Norwegian Handball Federation president said the bikinis were "not (9) \_\_\_\_\_ clothing for the activity when the women are playing in the sand". The team's request to wear shorts during the championships was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ down. Male players were allowed to play in sports shirts and shorts no (11) \_\_\_\_\_ than 10cm above the knee; while women were (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to wear midriff-baring tops and bikini bottoms "with a close fit and cut on an upward (13) \_\_\_\_\_ toward the top of the leg". Norway's Minister of Culture called the discriminatory (14) \_\_\_\_\_ rule "antiquated" and "completely (15) \_\_\_\_\_". It questioned: "How many attitude changes are needed in the old-fashioned international (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of sports?"

*dress*  
*turned*  
*expected*  
*patriarchy*  
*appropriate*  
*ridiculous*  
*angle*  
*longer*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Singer-songwriter Pink has got involved in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a sexism brow
  - b. a sexism low
  - c. a sexism allow
  - d. a sexism row
- 2) offered to pay the fines handed out to Norway's competitors for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. wear in improper clothing
  - b. wearing improper clothing
  - c. wearing improperly clothing
  - d. wearing improper clothe in
- 3) competitors were allowed to wear shorts, but the women were \_\_\_\_\_ bikinis
  - a. require it to wear
  - b. enquired to wear
  - c. inquired to wear
  - d. required to wear
- 4) The European Handball Federation (EHF) fined the team \$1,765 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for not implying
  - b. for not comply in
  - c. for not replying
  - d. for not complying
- 5) Pink took to Twitter and offered to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pay them fines
  - b. pay them fine
  - c. pay the fine
  - d. pay the fined
- 6) The Norwegian Handball Federation president said the bikinis were \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. not appropriately clothing
  - b. not appropriate clothing
  - c. not appropriacy clothing
  - d. not appropriated clothing
- 7) The team's request to wear shorts during the championships \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. was turned up
  - b. was burned down
  - c. was turned down
  - d. was spurned up
- 8) to wear midriff-baring tops and bikini bottoms "with a close fit and cut on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an up word angle
  - b. an upper dangle
  - c. an awkward angle
  - d. an upward angle
- 9) Norway's Minister of Culture called the discriminatory \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. dress rule antiquated
  - b. address rule antiquated
  - c. dresser rule antiquated
  - d. dressed rule antiquated
- 10) many attitude changes are needed in the old-fashioned international \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. matriarchy of sports
  - b. patriarchy of sports
  - c. pate archery of sports
  - d. pay tree anarchy of sports

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Singer-songwriter Pink has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a sexism row in the sport of beach handball. She has come to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the Norwegian women's team after they were (3) \_\_\_\_\_ wearing bikini bottoms during the 2021 European Beach Handball Championships. The singer has offered to pay the fines handed out to Norway's competitors for (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Male competitors were allowed to wear shorts, but the women (5) \_\_\_\_\_ wear bikinis. The European Handball Federation (EHF) fined the team \$1,765 for not complying with the regulations. Pink took to Twitter and offered to pay the fine. She added that the EHF should be (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The Norwegian Handball Federation president said the bikinis were "not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the activity when the women are playing in the sand". The team's (8) \_\_\_\_\_ shorts during the championships was turned down. Male players were allowed to play in sports shirts and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ than 10cm above the knee; while women were expected to wear (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and bikini bottoms "with a close fit and cut on (11) \_\_\_\_\_ toward the top of the leg". Norway's Minister of Culture called the discriminatory dress rule "antiquated" and "completely ridiculous". It questioned: "How many attitude changes are needed in (12) \_\_\_\_\_ international patriarchy of sports?"



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What kind of row does the article say pink got involved in?
2. When was the handball team fined for not wearing bikini bottoms?
3. What was the team fined for wearing?
4. How much was the handball team fined?
5. What did Pink say the European Handball Federation should be fined for?
6. What did a handball federation say bikinis were not good for?
7. What happened to the team's request to wear shorts?
8. How much above the knee should men's shorts be?
9. Who called the bikini bottoms discriminatory?
10. What did Norway's Minister of Culture say was old fashioned?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What kind of row does the article say pink got involved in?
  - a) a financial row
  - b) a sexism row
  - c) a handball rules row
  - d) a bikini colour row
- 2) When was the handball team fined for not wearing bikini bottoms?
  - a) 2019
  - b) 2020
  - c) earlier this week
  - d) 2021
- 3) What was the team fined for wearing?
  - a) shorts
  - b) leggings
  - c) body suits
  - d) long T-shirts
- 4) How much was the handball team fined?
  - a) \$1,756
  - b) \$1,567
  - c) \$1,765
  - d) \$1,675
- 5) What did Pink say the European Handball Federation should be fined for?
  - a) stupidity
  - b) sexism
  - c) being antiquated
  - d) ridiculousness
- 6) What did the Norwegian Handball Federation say bikinis were not good for?
  - a) winning
  - b) spectators
  - c) playing in the sand
  - d) mental health
- 7) What happened to the team's request to wear shorts?
  - a) it got lost
  - b) it was successful
  - c) it is being considered
  - d) it was turned down
- 8) How much above the knee should men's shorts be?
  - a) 10cm
  - b) 12cm
  - c) 8cm
  - d) 14cm
- 9) Who called the bikini bottoms discriminatory?
  - a) Norway's Minister of Culture
  - b) the team captain
  - c) the head of the Olympics
  - d) the men's team
- 10) What did Norway's Minister of Culture say was old fashioned?
  - a) bikini bottoms
  - b) the international patriarchy of sports
  - c) single-sex sports teams
  - d) dress rules

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Handball**

You think handball is the best beach activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as enjoyable. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sunbathing, building sandcastles or jogging.

## **Role B – Sunbathing**

You think sunbathing is the best beach activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as enjoyable. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): handball, building sandcastles or jogging.

## **Role C – Building Sandcastles**

You think building sandcastles is the best beach activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as enjoyable. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sunbathing, handball or jogging.

## **Role D – Jogging**

You think jogging is the best beach activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as enjoyable. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sunbathing, building sandcastles or handball.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

<b>pink</b>	<b>handball</b>
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- 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"><li>• involved</li><li>• aid</li><li>• handed</li><li>• clothing</li><li>• complying</li><li>• added</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• activity</li><li>• request</li><li>• longer</li><li>• fit</li><li>• dress</li><li>• old</li></ul>
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# BEACH HANDBALL SURVEY

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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.

# BEACH HANDBALL DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'pink'?
3. What do you know about the singer Pink?
4. What do you think about beach handball?
5. What are the best things to wear when playing beach handball?
6. How sexist is it to for female athletes to have to wear bikinis?
7. What do you think of Pink for offering to pay the fines?
8. What do you think of the handball players for disregarding the rules?
9. How much fun do you think beach handball is?
10. What advice do you have for the handball players?

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# BEACH HANDBALL DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'handball'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about beach handball?
15. Should the handball players have been fined?
16. Why are there different rules for what men and women can wear?
17. Which is more fun, beach handball or regular handball?
18. What is your favourite beach activity?
19. Why do you think Pink intervened in this situation?
20. What questions would you like to ask Pink?

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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

- |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) oar         | (b) row          | (c) stroke       | (d) boat        |
| 2.  | (a) assist      | (b) aid          | (c) calm         | (d) hand        |
| 3.  | (a) among       | (b) awhile       | (c) while        | (d) during      |
| 4.  | (a) proper      | (b) improper     | (c) properly     | (d) property    |
| 5.  | (a) but         | (b) so           | (c) by           | (d) for         |
| 6.  | (a) pay         | (b) have         | (c) be           | (d) receive     |
| 7.  | (a) appropriate | (b) appropriates | (c) appropriated | (d) appropriacy |
| 8.  | (a) handed      | (b) palmed       | (c) turned       | (d) scored      |
| 9.  | (a) longing     | (b) lengthy      | (c) lengthen     | (d) longer      |
| 10. | (a) fit         | (b) knee         | (c) ankle        | (d) slice       |
| 11. | (a) dress       | (b) skirt        | (c) wear         | (d) clothe      |
| 12. | (a) in          | (b) of           | (c) as           | (d) but         |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. ovilnevd in a sexism row
2. handball aphnioscihmps
3. wearing morppier clothing
4. male pcietmtoors
5. women were uqrieerd to wear bikinis
6. not omlciypng with the regulations

## Paragraph 2

7. the bikinis were not pprapiroate clothing
8. xeetcped to wear midriff-baring tops
9. rdiisctanomry dress rule
10. tiuqaanetd
11. completely diucrluos
12. international traiprahcy of sports

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) bottoms during the 2021 European Beach Handball Championships. The singer has offered to pay the fines handed
- ( ) allowed to wear shorts, but the women were required to wear bikinis. The European Handball Federation
- ( ) the aid of the Norwegian women's team after they were fined for not wearing bikini
- ( ) clothing for the activity when the women are playing in the sand". The team's request to wear shorts during
- ( ) (EHF) fined the team \$1,765 for not complying with the regulations. Pink took to Twitter and
- ( ) offered to pay the fine. She added that the EHF should be fined "for sexism".
- ( ) out to Norway's competitors for wearing "improper clothing". Male competitors were
- ( **1** ) Singer-songwriter Pink has got involved in a sexism row in the sport of beach handball. She has come to
- ( ) longer than 10cm above the knee; while women were expected to wear midriff-baring tops and bikini bottoms "with a close
- ( ) the championships was turned down. Male players were allowed to play in sports shirts and shorts no
- ( ) The Norwegian Handball Federation president said the bikinis were "not appropriate
- ( ) fit and cut on an upward angle toward the top of the leg". Norway's Minister of Culture called the discriminatory dress
- ( ) rule "antiquated" and "completely ridiculous". It questioned: "How many attitude
- ( ) changes are needed in the old-fashioned international patriarchy of sports?"

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. involved got Pink in has sexism a row .
2. were for They wearing not fined bikini bottoms .
3. singer to offered has pay The the fines .
4. the team for not complying Fined with regulations .
5. EHF be should The fined for sexism .
6. bikinis weren't appropriate clothing for The the activity .
7. to Their shorts wear request during the championships .
8. were expected to Women midriff-baring wear tops .
9. toward Upward top the angles of the leg .
10. the old-fashioned international In of patriarchy sports .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Singer-songwriter Pink has got involved *on / in* a sexism row in the sport *of / at* beach handball. She has come to the aid *of / at* the Norwegian women's team after they were fined for not *worn / wearing* bikini bottoms during the 2021 European Beach Handball Championships. The singer has offered to pay the fines *footed / handed* out to Norway's competitors for wearing "*improperly / improper* clothing". Male competitors were allowed to wear shorts, but the women were *required / requiring* to wear bikinis. The European Handball Federation (EHF) fined the team \$1,765 for not *compliance / complying* with the regulations. Pink *took / gave* to Twitter and offered to pay the fine. She added that the EHF should be *found / fined* "for sexism".

The Norwegian Handball Federation president said the bikinis were "not *appropriacy / appropriate* clothing for the activity when the women are playing in the sand". The team's *request / required* to wear shorts during the championships was turned *off / down*. Male players were allowed to play *on / in* sports shirts and shorts no *lengthen / longer* than 10cm above the knee; while women were expected to wear midriff-baring *above / tops* and bikini bottoms "with a close fit and *cut / slice* on an upward *angle / border* toward the top of the leg". Norway's Minister of Culture called the discriminatory *dress / clothe* rule "antiquated" and "completely ridiculous". It questioned: "How many attitude changes are needed *at / in* the old-fashioned international patriarchy of sports?"

**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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th\_ \_HF sh\_\_ld b\_ f\_n\_d "f\_r s\_x\_sm".

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\_ct\_v\_ty wh\_n th\_ w\_m\_n \_r\_ pl\_y\_n\_g \_n th\_ s\_nd".  
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\_f C\_lt\_r\_ c\_ll\_d th\_ d\_scr\_m\_n\_t\_ry dr\_ss r\_l\_  
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q\_\_st\_\_n\_d: "H\_w m\_ny \_tt\_t\_d\_ ch\_n\_g\_s \_r\_ n\_\_d\_d  
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sp\_rts?"

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the norwegian handball federation president said the bikinis were not appropriate clothing for the activity when the women are playing in the sand the teams request to wear shorts during the championships was turned down male players were allowed to play in sports shirts and shorts no longer than 10cm above the knee while women were expected to wear midriffbaring tops and bikini bottoms with a close fit and cut on an upward angle toward the top of the leg norways minister of culture called the discriminatory dress rule antiquated and completely ridiculous it questioned how many attitude changes are needed in the oldfashioned international patriarchy of sports

# 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. BEACH HANDBALL:** Make a poster about beach handball. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. UNISEX:** Write a magazine article about making beach handball clothes unisex, so there are no differences between men and women. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on beach handball. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on female handball players having to wear bikini bottoms. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e    2. c    3. b    4. f    5. a    6. g    7. d  
8. n    9. h    10. k    11. m    12. i    13. l    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 T    5 F    6 F    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. j	4. b	5. h
6. a	7. e	8. i	9. f	10. c

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A sexism row
2. In 2021
3. Shorts
4. \$1,765
5. Sexism
6. Playing in the sand
7. It was turned down
8. 10cm
9. Norway's Minister of Culture
10. The international patriarchy of sports

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Pink has got involved in a sexism row.
2. They were fined for not wearing bikini bottoms.
3. The singer has offered to pay the fines.
4. Fined the team for not complying with regulations.
5. The EHF should be fined for sexism.
6. The bikinis weren't appropriate clothing for the activity.
7. Their request to wear shorts during the championships.
8. Women were expected to wear midriff-baring tops.
9. Upward angles toward the top of the leg.
10. In the old-fashioned international patriarchy of sports.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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