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Level 0 – 30th August, 2021

ABBA to release first new music in 39 years

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210830-abba-0.html>

The pop group ABBA are back, with new songs for the first time in 39 years. The Swedish group formed in 1972. They are one of the most successful groups ever. They are famous for songs like Dancing Queen. A movie called Mamma Mia! was released in 2008. This had many of their hits. The movie later became a stage show.

ABBA launched a new website about a mystery project. However, ABBA's guitarist accidentally said the group have a new album. There is also a new stage show. ABBA's members will not be in it. The show will have digital, lifelike avatars of each group member. The avatars have the nickname "ABBAatars".

Sources: <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/abba-to-release-first-new-music-in-39-years-and-announces-hologram-show-in-london/ar-AANMD7Q>
<https://www.the-sun.com/entertainment/3548013/inside-abba-voyage-show-comeback/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The pop group ABBA are | a. called Mamma Mia! |
| 2. for the first time | b. formed in 1972 |
| 3. The Swedish group | c. a stage show |
| 4. one of the most successful | d. in 39 years |
| 5. famous for songs like | e. of their hits |
| 6. A movie | f. groups ever |
| 7. This had many | g. Dancing Queen |
| 8. The movie later became | h. back |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. ABBA launched a new | a. project |
| 2. a mystery | b. in it |
| 3. ABBA's | c. "ABBAatars" |
| 4. the group have | d. show |
| 5. There is also a new stage | e. group member |
| 6. ABBA's members will not be | f. website |
| 7. lifelike avatars of each | g. guitarist |
| 8. The avatars have the nickname | h. a new album |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The pop group ABBA are (1) _____ songs for the first time in 39 years. The Swedish (2) _____ 1972. They are (3) _____ most successful groups ever. They (4) _____ songs like Dancing Queen.

A movie called Mamma Mia! (5) _____ 2008.

This had many of their hits. The (6) _____ a stage show.

ABBA (7) _____ website about a mystery project.

However, ABBA's (8) _____ the group have a

new album. There is also a (9) _____. ABBA's

members will not (10) _____. The show will have

digital, (11) _____ each group member. The

avatars (12) _____ "ABBAatars".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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atars have the nickname "ABBA-tars".

POP MUSIC SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pop music 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) _____

