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Level 1

Bulgarian radio can play modern music again

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170303-radio-1.html>

Modern music is on Bulgarian radio again. For two months, there has been only classical music or folk songs that were over 70 years old, before World War II. Copyright rules meant the Bulgarian National Radio (BNR) could not play pop music. In the European Union, copyright disappears 70 years after an artist's death. BNR made a deal with the copyright organization. It will now pay more royalties – money given to artists every time it plays their songs.

In the past two months, the number of listeners to BNR's shows went up by 20 per cent. It seems listeners like listening to older music like Bulgarian folk tunes, classical music and pre-war jazz more than Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. BNR might change the music it plays. The boss of BNR, Aleksandar Velev, said there could be new radio stations. He said current radio shows will not change, but there will be new shows with different types of music.

Sources: <http://www.novinite.com/articles/179044/Bulgaria's+Public+Radio+Brings+Contemporary+Music+Back+on+Air>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-39104260>
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/lifestyle/bulgarian-radio-station-sees-boost-in-listeners-after-pop-music-ban-1.3301694>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Modern music is | a. more royalties |
| 2. classical music | b. their songs |
| 3. Copyright | c. after an artist's death |
| 4. copyright disappears 70 years | d. to artists |
| 5. BNR made a deal with the | e. rules |
| 6. It will now pay | f. on Bulgarian radio again |
| 7. money given | g. or folk songs |
| 8. every time it plays | h. copyright organization |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. In the past | a. by 20 per cent |
| 2. the number | b. war jazz |
| 3. went up | c. of listeners |
| 4. folk | d. shows |
| 5. pre- | e. two months |
| 6. BNR might change the music | f. of music |
| 7. there will be new | g. tunes |
| 8. different types | h. it plays |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170303-radio-1.html>

Modern (1) _____ Bulgarian radio again. For two months, there (2) _____ classical music or folk songs that were over 70 years old, before World War II. Copyright (3) _____ Bulgarian National Radio (BNR) could (4) _____ music. In the European Union, copyright disappears 70 years (5) _____ death. BNR made a deal with the copyright organization. It will now pay more royalties – money (6) _____ every time it plays their songs.

In the past two months, the (7) _____ to BNR's shows (8) _____ per cent. It seems listeners like listening to older music like Bulgarian folk tunes, classical music and (9) _____ more than Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. BNR might change the (10) _____. The boss of BNR, Aleksandar Velev, said there could be new radio stations. He (11) _____ shows will not change, but there will be new shows with different (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RADIO SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170303-radio-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about radio 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) _____

