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ABBA to release first new music in 39 years

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THE ARTICLE

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

The pop group ABBA are making a comeback. They will release five new songs, a new album, and they have a new stage show. It is the first time in 39 years the group will release any new music. The Swedish group formed in Stockholm in 1972 and became one of the most popular and successful pop groups in the history of pop music. They are famous for songs such as Dancing Queen and The Winner Takes It All. A musical romantic comedy film called Mamma Mia! was released in 2008. This showcased many of their biggest hits. The movie later became a stage show, which is currently the seventh longest-running show in London's musicals history. It is also the ninth longest-running show on New York's Broadway.

ABBA's millions of fans have been hoping for a comeback for many years. The group just launched a website called ABBA Voyage. The site invites fans to register their interest in a new mystery project that will be announced on September the 2nd. However, ABBA's guitarist accidentally revealed that a new album is coming in the autumn. Fans will be disappointed to learn that the stage show will not include ABBA in the flesh. Instead, there will be holograms of the group. These will be digitally-created lifelike avatars of each group member. The avatars have been nicknamed "ABBAatars". There will be eight shows a week that will take place in a newly-built theatre in London.

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/>
<https://variety.com/2021/music/news/abba-new-music-1235049678/>

WARM-UPS

1. POP MUSIC: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about pop music. 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?

pop group / ABBA / comeback / album / new songs / history / musical / romantic / fans / many years / mystery / project / autumn / holograms / nickname / theatre

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

3. ALBUMS: Students A **strongly** believe albums are better than singles; Students B **strongly** believe singles are better than albums. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ARTISTS: What are the good and bad things about being these artists? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Lead singer		
Lead guitarist		
Drummer		
Keyboard player		
Bass guitarist		
Backing singer		

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

6. MUSIC: Rank these with your partner. Put the best music genre at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Pop
- Reggae
- Folk
- Classical
- Rock
- Electro
- Opera
- Ambient

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. comeback | a. Entertainment with jokes and sketches to make people laugh. |
| 2. release | b. Joined together to create something. |
| 3. formed | c. Make a film, song, book, or other product available to the public. |
| 4. popular | d. At the present time. |
| 5. comedy | e. A return by a well-known person, especially an entertainer or sports player. |
| 6. hit | f. Liked by many people. |
| 7. currently | g. A song, movie, book, etc. that is very, very, very successful and popular. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. launched | h. Put one's name and other details on a list or website. |
| 9. register | i. Made something known for the first time. |
| 10. mystery | j. A short or funny name given to a person or thing instead of the real name. |
| 11. announced | k. Very secretive. |
| 12. revealed | l. A 3-D image made by laser beams. |
| 13. hologram | m. Made a formal public statement about a fact, happening or plan. |
| 14. nicknamed | n. Started a project, business or campaign. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. ABBA will release 11 new songs on their new album. **T / F**
2. ABBA was formed in Stockholm, Sweden 39 years ago. **T / F**
3. ABBA recorded a famous song called Dancing King. **T / F**
4. The show Mamma Mia! is the ninth longest-running show on Broadway. **T / F**
5. The band launched a website called ABBA Comeback. **T / F**
6. ABBA's guitarist accidentally told people about a new album. **T / F**
7. No band member will take part in a new stage show. **T / F**
8. The new ABBA stage show will be in New York. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. comeback | a. made public |
| 2. release | b. success |
| 3. popular | c. followers |
| 4. hit | d. issue |
| 5. show | e. upset |
| 6. fans | f. return |
| 7. register | g. constructed |
| 8. revealed | h. record |
| 9. disappointed | i. well liked |
| 10. built | j. performance |

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

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. The pop group ABBA are making | a. pop groups |
| 2. They will release | b. the flesh |
| 3. one of the most popular and successful | c. running show |
| 4. This showcased many of | d. to learn that |
| 5. the seventh longest- | e. their biggest hits |
| 6. The site invites fans to register | f. a comeback |
| 7. a new mystery | g. built theatre |
| 8. Fans will be disappointed | h. project |
| 9. the stage show will not include ABBA in | i. five new songs |
| 10. take place in a newly- | j. their interest |

GAP FILL

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

The pop group ABBA are making a (1) _____. They will release five new songs, a new album, and they have a new stage show. It is the first time in 39 years the group will (2) _____ any new music. The Swedish group (3) _____ in Stockholm in 1972 and became one of the most popular and successful pop groups in the (4) _____ of pop music. They are famous for songs such as Dancing Queen and The Winner Takes It All. A musical (5) _____ comedy film called Mamma Mia! was released in 2008. This showcased many of their biggest (6) _____. The movie later became a stage show, which is (7) _____ the seventh longest-running show in London's musicals history. It is also the ninth longest-(8) _____ show on New York's Broadway.

history
comeback
running
hits
formed
romantic
currently
release

ABBA's millions of fans have been (9) _____ for a comeback for many years. The group just launched a website called ABBA Voyage. The site (10) _____ fans to register their interest in a new mystery (11) _____ that will be announced on September the 2nd. However, ABBA's (12) _____ accidentally revealed that a new album is coming in the (13) _____. Fans will be disappointed to learn that the stage show will not include ABBA in the (14) _____. Instead, there will be holograms of the group. These will be digitally-created lifelike (15) _____ of each group member. The avatars have been nicknamed "ABBAatars". There will be eight shows a week that will take place in a newly-(16) _____ theatre in London.

flesh
guitarist
invites
built
hoping
autumn
avatars
project

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The pop group ABBA are making a comeback. They will _____ songs
 - a. released five new
 - b. release five new
 - c. releases five new
 - d. relieve five new
- 2) a new album, and they have a _____
 - a. new staged show
 - b. new stage show
 - c. new stages show
 - d. news days show
- 3) one of the most popular and successful pop groups in the history _____
 - a. off pop music
 - b. oft pop music
 - c. all pop music
 - d. of pop music
- 4) Mamma Mia! was released in 2008. This showcased many of _____
 - a. their biggest hits
 - b. their biggest hit
 - c. their biggest hitters
 - d. their biggest heights
- 5) currently the seventh longest-running show in London's _____
 - a. musicals histories
 - b. musicals history
 - c. musicals historian
 - d. musicals historical
- 6) ABBA's millions of fans have been hoping for a comeback _____
 - a. for much years
 - b. for any years
 - c. for many years
 - d. for merry years
- 7) The site invites fans to register their interest in a _____
 - a. new missed tree project
 - b. new miss tree project
 - c. new mister tree project
 - d. new mystery project
- 8) Fans will be disappointed to learn that the stage show will not include ABBA _____
 - a. in the flash
 - b. in the flush
 - c. in the flesh
 - d. in the fish
- 9) These will be digitally-created lifelike avatars of _____
 - a. whole group member
 - b. each groups member
 - c. each groupie member
 - d. each group member
- 10) There will be eight shows a week that will take place in a _____
 - a. newly-build theatre
 - b. new-built theatre
 - c. newly-built theatre
 - d. newly-build theatre

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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ABBA's millions of fans have (7) _____ a comeback for many years. The group just launched a website called ABBA Voyage. The site invites fans to (8) _____ in a new mystery project that will be announced on September the 2nd. However, ABBA's guitarist accidentally (9) _____ new album is coming in the autumn. Fans will be disappointed to learn that the stage show will not include ABBA in the flesh. Instead, there will (10) _____ the group. These will be digitally-created (11) _____ each group member. The avatars (12) _____ "ABBAatars". There will be eight shows a week that will take place in a newly-built theatre in London.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How many new songs will the group ABBA release?
2. In which city were ABBA formed?
3. What is the name of the movie mentioned in the article?
4. What did the movie showcase?
5. Where is ABBA's stage show on London's list of longest-running shows?
6. What is ABBA Voyage?
7. Who accidentally revealed news of ABBA's new album?
8. How might fans feel about ABBA members not taking part in a show?
9. What is the nickname of the avatars in a new stage show?
10. In what city will the new ABBA stage show take place?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How many new songs will the group ABBA release?
 - a) seven
 - b) five
 - c) eleven
 - d) two
- 2) In which city were ABBA formed?
 - a) Gothenburg
 - b) Malmo
 - c) Lund
 - d) Stockholm
- 3) What is the name of the movie mentioned in the article?
 - a) Mamma Mia!
 - b) Money, Money, Money
 - c) Wow!
 - d) OMG!
- 4) What did the movie showcase?
 - a) the history of pop music
 - b) Sweden
 - c) ABBA's biggest hits
 - d) a beach
- 5) Where is ABBA's stage show on London's list of longest-running shows?
 - a) top
 - b) seventh
 - c) ninth
 - d) twentieth
- 6) What is ABBA Voyage?
 - a) a website
 - b) a ship
 - c) ABBA's new album
 - d) an avatar
- 7) Who accidentally revealed news of ABBA's new album?
 - a) a fan
 - b) ABBA's manager
 - c) ABBA's guitarist
 - d) ABBA's lead singer
- 8) How might fans feel about ABBA members not taking part in a show?
 - a) disappointed
 - b) excited
 - c) angry
 - d) resigned
- 9) What is the nickname of the avatars in a new stage show?
 - a) ABBAatars
 - b) ABBAAs
 - c) ABBAlinas
 - d) ABBAgrams
- 10) In what city will the new ABBA stage show take place?
 - a) Tokyo
 - b) Stockholm
 - c) New York
 - d) London

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Pop

You think pop is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least listenable of these (and why): classical, folk or ambient.

Role B – Classical

You think classical is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least listenable of these (and why): pop, folk or ambient.

Role C – Folk

You think folk is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least listenable of these (and why): classical, pop or ambient.

Role D – Ambient

You think ambient is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least listenable of these (and why): classical, folk or pop.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

pop	music
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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">• making• any• history• 2008• later• ninth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• millions• site• project• autumn• each• place
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POP MUSIC SURVEY

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

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.

POP MUSIC 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 'pop music'?
3. What do you know about ABBA?
4. What do you think about pop music?
5. What is your favourite form of music?
6. What group would you like to make a comeback?
7. What do you think of musical movies?
8. What do you think of stage shows?
9. Does the music pop groups create get better as they age?
10. What is the best band ever?

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POP MUSIC 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 'song'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What does a music fan do?
15. What instrument would you play if you were in a pop group?
16. What do you think of music concerts?
17. Is a musical or a concert better?
18. Would you like to see the new ABBA show?
19. What do you think of the idea of avatars instead of real musicians?
20. What questions would you like to ask ABBA?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) baking | (b) making | (c) taking | (d) waking |
| 2. | (a) step | (b) stage | (c) platform | (d) podium |
| 3. | (a) successfully | (b) success | (c) successive | (d) successful |
| 4. | (a) romances | (b) romantic | (c) romantically | (d) romantics |
| 5. | (a) whacks | (b) smashes | (c) punches | (d) hits |
| 6. | (a) historical | (b) historian | (c) history | (d) hysterical |
| 7. | (a) been | (b) be | (c) being | (d) be-all |
| 8. | (a) inviting | (b) invitations | (c) invites | (d) invitational |
| 9. | (a) up | (b) of | (c) at | (d) in |
| 10. | (a) flesh | (b) skin | (c) fat | (d) muscle |
| 11. | (a) each | (b) all | (c) whole | (d) entire |
| 12. | (a) take | (b) have | (c) play | (d) do |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The pop group ABBA are making a oecabmck
2. They will elears five new songs
3. the most popular and sseucsfcul pop groups
4. They are ouasfm
5. A musical romantic deocym film
6. cytrrlune the seventh longest-running show

Paragraph 2

7. The group just ceuldnha a website
8. The site invites fans to ietresrg their interest
9. a new msertyy project
10. ABBA's tuagisirt
11. the stage show will not eiculdn ABBA
12. yadlitlig-created lifelike avatars

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () shows a week that will take place in a newly-built theatre in London.
- (**1**) The pop group ABBA are making a comeback. They will release five new songs, a new album, and they have a new stage
- () in London's musicals history. It is also the ninth longest-running show on New York's Broadway.
- () flesh. Instead, there will be holograms of the group. These will be digitally-created lifelike
- () comedy film called Mamma Mia! was released in 2008. This showcased many of their biggest
- () of pop music. They are famous for songs such as Dancing Queen and The Winner Takes It All. A musical romantic
- () avatars of each group member. The avatars have been nicknamed "ABBAstars". There will be eight
- () coming in the autumn. Fans will be disappointed to learn that the stage show will not include ABBA in the
- () ABBA's millions of fans have been hoping for a comeback for many years. The group just launched
- () show. It is the first time in 39 years the group will release any new music. The Swedish group formed
- () in Stockholm in 1972 and became one of the most popular and successful pop groups in the history
- () that will be announced on September the 2nd. However, ABBA's guitarist accidentally revealed that a new album is
- () a website called ABBA Voyage. The site invites fans to register their interest in a new mystery project
- () hits. The movie later became a stage show, which is currently the seventh longest-running show

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. group pop comeback . a making are The ABBA
2. first in is the years . 39 It time
3. the in of most popular One history . groups
4. show . movie stage a later became The
5. the ninth also show . is longest-running It
6. a for been comeback . have Fans hoping
7. The their fans interest . to register site invites
8. will the Shows flesh . not ABBA include in
9. group member . avatars each Digitally-created lifelike of
10. in place a theatre newly-built London . Take in

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The pop group ABBA are making a *backing / comeback*. They will release five new songs, a new album, and they have a new stage show. It is the first time *on / in* 39 years the group will release any new music. The Swedish group *formation / formed* in Stockholm in 1972 and became *once / one* of the most popular and successful pop groups *on / in* the history of pop music. They are famous for songs such *as / was* Dancing Queen and The Winner Takes It All. A musical romantic comedy film *name / called* Mamma Mia! was released in 2008. This showcased *much / many* of their biggest hits. The movie later became a stage show, which is *currently / current* the seventh longest-running show in London's musicals history. It is also the ninth longest-running show *in / on* New York's Broadway.

ABBA's millions of fans have been *hoping / hoped* for a comeback for many years. The group just *lunched / launched* a website called ABBA Voyage. The site invites fans *to / of* register their interest in a new mystery project that will be announced *on / in* September the 2nd. However, ABBA's guitarist accidentally *revelled / revealed* that a new album is coming in the autumn. Fans will be disappointed to *learning / learn* that the stage show will not *include / preclude* ABBA in the flesh. Instead, there will be holograms of the group. These will be digitally-created lifelike avatars of *all / each* group member. The avatars have *been / being* nicknamed "ABBAtars". There will be eight shows a week *that / what* will take place in a newly-built theatre in London.

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_ p_p gr__p _BB_ _r_ m_king _ c_m_b_ck. Th_y will r_l__s_ fiv_ n_w s_ngs, _ n_w _lb_m, _nd th_y h_v_ _ n_w st_g_ sh_w. It is th_ first tim_ in 39 y__rs th_ gr__p will r_l__s_ _ny n_w m_sic. Th_ Sw_dish gr__p f_rm_d in St_ckh_lm in 1972 _nd b_c_m_ _n_ _f th_ m_st p_p_l_r _nd s_cc_ssf_l p_p gr__ps in th_ hist_ry _f p_p m_sic. Th_y _r_ f_m__s f_r s_ngs s_ch _s D_ncing Q___n _nd Th_ Winn_r T_k_s It _ll. _ m_sic_l r_m_ntic c_m_dy film c_ll_d M_mm_ Mi_! w_s r_l__s_d in 2008. This sh_wc_s_d m_ny _f th_ir bigg_st hits. Th_ m_vi_ l_t_r b_c_m_ _ st_g_ sh_w, which is c_rr_ntly th_ s_v_nth l_ng_st-r_nning sh_w in L_nd_n's m_sic_ls hist_ry. It is _ls_ th_ ninth l_ng_st-r_nning sh_w _n N_w Y_rk's Br__dw_y.

BB's milli_ns _f f_ns h_v_ b__n h_ping f_r _ c_m_b_ck f_r m_ny y__rs. Th_ gr__p j_st l__nch_d _ w_bsit_ c_ll_d _BB_ V_y_g_. Th_ sit_ invit_s f_ns t_ r_gist_r th_ir int_r_st in _ n_w myst_ry pr_j_ct th_t will b_ _nn__nc_d _n S_pt_mbr th_ 2nd. H_w_v_r, _BB_'s g_it_rist _ccid_nt_lly r_v__l_d th_t _ n_w _lb_m is c_ming in th_ __t_mn. F_ns will b_ dis_pp_int_d t_ l__rn th_t th_ st_g_ sh_w will n_t incl_d_ _BB_ in th_ fl_sh. Inst__d, th_r_ will b_ h_l_gr_ms _f th_ gr__p. Th_s_ will b_ digit_lly-cr__t_d lif_lik_ _v_t_rs _f __ch gr__p m_mbr. Th_ _v_t_rs h_v_ b__n nickn_m_d "_BB_t_rs". Th_r_ will b_ _ight sh_ws _ w__k th_t will t_k_ pl_c_ in _ n_wly-b_ilt th__tr_ in L_nd_n.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the pop group abba are making a comeback they will release five new songs a new album and they have a new stage show it is the first time in 39 years the group will release any new music the swedish group formed in stockholm in 1972 and became one of the most popular and successful pop groups in the history of pop music they are famous for songs such as dancing queen and the winner takes it all a musical romantic comedy film called mamma mia was released in 2008 this showcased many of their biggest hits the movie later became a stage show which is currently the seventh longestrunning show in londons musicals history it is also the ninth longestrunning show on new yorks broadway

abbas millions of fans have been hoping for a comeback for many years the group just launched a website called abba voyage the site invites fans to register their interest in a new mystery project that will be announced on september the 2nd however abbas guitarist accidentally revealed that a new album is coming in the autumn fans will be disappointed to learn that the stage show will not include abba in the flesh instead there will be holograms of the group these will be digitallycreated lifelike avatars of each group member the avatars have been nicknamed abbatars there will be eight shows a week that will take place in a newlybuilt theatre in london

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The pop group ABBA are making a comeback. They will release five new songs, a new album, and they have a new stage show. It is the first time in 39 years the group will release any new music. The Swedish group formed in Stockholm in 1972 and became one of the most popular and successful pop groups in the history of pop music. They are famous for songs such as Dancing Queen and The Winner Takes It All. A musical romantic comedy film called Mamma Mia! was released in 2008. This show cased many of their biggest hits. The movie later became a stage show, which is currently the seventh longest-running show in London's musical history. It is also the ninth longest-running show on New York's Broadway. ABBA's millions of fans have been hoping for a comeback for many years. The group just launched a website called ABBA Voyage. The site invites fans to register their interest in a new mystery project that will be announced on September the 2nd. However, ABBA's guitarist accidentally revealed that a new album is coming in the autumn. Fans will be disappointed to learn that the stage show will not include ABBA in the flesh. Instead, there will be holograms of the group. These will be digitally-created lifelike avatars of each group member. The avatars have been nicknamed "ABBA tars". There will be eight shows a week that will take place in a newly-built theatre in London.

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. ABBA: Make a poster about ABBA. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. POP MUSIC: Write a magazine article about pop music. Include imaginary interviews with people who love it and with those who hate it.

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 pop music. Ask him/her three questions about pop music. Give him/her three of your ideas. 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 F 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Five
- Stockholm
- Mamma Mia!
- ABBA's biggest hits
- Seventh
- A website
- ABBA's guitarist
- Disappointed
- ABBAatars
- London

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- The pop group ABBA are making a comeback.
- It is the first time in 39 years.
- One of the most popular groups in history.
- The movie later became a stage show.
- It is also the ninth longest-running show.
- Fans have been hoping for a comeback.
- The site invites fans to register their interest.
- Shows will not include ABBA in the flesh.
- Digitally-created lifelike avatars of each group member.
- Take place in a newly-built theatre in London.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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