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## Level 5

### Newly-crowned Miss America suffers racist abuse

**19th September, 2013**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130919-miss-america-5.html>

America's new beauty queen Nina Davuluri has received a torrent of racist abuse after she won the Miss America pageant on Sunday night. She is the first woman of Indian descent to win. Many people left messages on Twitter questioning why a "non-American" had become Miss America. Many tweeters mistook her for an Arab. Others said she looked like a terrorist. One tweeter said: "Well they just picked a Muslim for Miss America. That must've made Obama happy. Maybe he had a vote." Ms Davuluri was born in New York and grew up following the Hindu faith in Oklahoma and Michigan.

The tweets are big news in Indian media. The Times of India wrote: "The tiara had barely been placed on her head and the customary tears of joy had just emerged when racist taunts erupted on social media, marring the moment of triumph for the first ever Miss America of Indian origin." Ms Davuluri ignored the comments and said she didn't care what a few people thought. She said: "I have to rise above that. I always viewed myself as first and foremost American." She was happy the contest "has embraced diversity" and thankful children could "relate to a new Miss America".

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1142271/miss-america-faces-abuse-over-indian-descent>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-24122018>  
<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/1st-america-indian-descent-slammed-arab-article-1.1457133#ixzz2f8cugIm4>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130919-miss-america-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. beauty                    | a. descent to win      |
| 2. a torrent of              | b. pageant             |
| 3. she won the Miss America  | c. racist abuse        |
| 4. the first woman of Indian | d. her for an Arab     |
| 5. people left               | e. the Hindu faith     |
| 6. questioning               | f. queen               |
| 7. tweeters mistook          | g. why                 |
| 8. grew up following         | h. messages on Twitter |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. big news in Indian       | a. and foremost          |
| 2. the customary tears      | b. triumph               |
| 3. the moment of            | c. media                 |
| 4. she didn't care what a   | d. diversity             |
| 5. I have to rise           | e. few people thought    |
| 6. first                    | f. to a new Miss America |
| 7. the contest has embraced | g. of joy                |
| 8. children could relate    | h. above that            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The tweets are big news in Indian media. The Times of India wrote: "The tiara (7) \_\_\_\_\_ placed on her head and the customary tears of joy had just emerged when racist (8) \_\_\_\_\_ social media, marring the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for the first ever Miss America of Indian origin." Ms Davuluri (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and said she didn't care what a few people thought. She said: "I have to rise above that. I always viewed myself as (11) \_\_\_\_\_ American." She was happy the contest " (12) \_\_\_\_\_ " and thankful children could "relate to a new Miss America".

# BEAUTY QUEENS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130919-miss-america-5.html>

Write five GOOD questions about beauty queens 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

## FREE WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130919-miss-america-5.html>

Write about **beauty queens** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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