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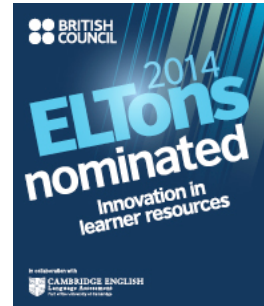
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Level 1

Tourist deported for Buddha tattoo

25th April, 2014

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THE READING

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A British tourist must leave Sri Lanka because she has a Buddha tattoo. Naomi Coleman was arrested at the international airport. She is now waiting for a flight back to the U.K. Passport officers told her the tattoo disrespected Sri Lankan culture. A spokesman said the tattoo hurt religious feelings. Most Sri Lankans are Buddhist and respect images of Buddha. They would think a Buddha tattoo is culturally insensitive. Coleman did not think her tattoo was bad.

Tourists have got in trouble before for not understanding Sri Lankan culture. One got deported for speaking disrespectfully to passport officers. Three French tourists got prison sentences for kissing a Buddha statue. In 2010, R&B star Akon could not get a visa to visit Sri Lanka because of a video for his song. The video showed a pool party in front of a statue of Buddha. A British website warns tourists not to pose for photos in front of statues of the Buddha.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A British tourist must | a. arrested |
| 2 Coleman was | b. feelings |
| 3. at the international | c. the U.K. |
| 4. She is now waiting | d. Sri Lankan culture |
| 5. back to | e. leave Sri Lanka |
| 6. the tattoo disrespected | f. insensitive |
| 7. the tattoo hurt religious | g. airport |
| 8. culturally | h. for a flight |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Tourists have got | a. of Buddha |
| 2 understanding Sri Lankan | b. officers |
| 3. passport | c. photos |
| 4. One got deported | d. in trouble before |
| 5. Three French tourists got prison | e. to visit Sri Lanka |
| 6. R&B star Akon could not get a visa | f. for speaking disrespectfully |
| 7. in front of a statue | g. culture |
| 8. pose for | h. sentences |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A British (1) _____ Sri Lanka because she has a Buddha tattoo. Naomi Coleman (2) _____ the international airport. She is now waiting (3) _____ to the U.K. Passport officers told her the tattoo disrespected Sri Lankan culture. A spokesman said the tattoo (4) _____. Most Sri Lankans are Buddhist and (5) _____ Buddha. They would think a Buddha tattoo is (6) _____. Coleman did not think her tattoo was bad.

Tourists have (7) _____ before for not understanding Sri Lankan culture. One (8) _____ speaking disrespectfully to passport officers. Three French tourists got (9) _____ for kissing a Buddha statue. In 2010, R&B star Akon could (10) _____ to visit Sri Lanka because of a video for his song. The video showed a pool party in (11) _____ of Buddha. A British website warns tourists (12) _____ photos in front of statues of the Buddha.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

WRITING

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

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