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## Level 3

# Britney Spears' music scares off pirates

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# THE ARTICLE

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This is not the first time loud music has been used to scare people. It has even been used as a form of torture. Prison guards at Guantanamo Bay started using music in 2003 to keep prisoners awake. In 2008, prisoners had to listen to very loud music for weeks and months. A former Guantanamo prisoner, Ruhul Ahmed, explained that the loud music played in his cell for weeks at a time was worse than being beaten up. He said: "It makes you feel like you are going mad." Many people think prisons must stop playing loud music to someone for days or weeks at a time. A human rights charity called Reprieve has started a campaign to end it. It wants rock stars to ban prisons from using their music for torture.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. LOUD MUSIC:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about loud music. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*ships / captains / Indian Ocean / pop songs / pirates / Western culture / perfect / loud / the first time / torture / prisoners / being beaten up / going mad / human rights*

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

**3. KEEP PIRATES AWAY:** How good are these at keeping pirates away? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Tactic	Good points	Bad points
Loud pop music		
Water cannon		
Taking photos of them		
Gunfire		
More patrol boats		
Arresting pirate leaders		

**4. PIRACY:** Students A **strongly** believe piracy will stop one day; Students B **strongly** believe it will never stop. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. MUSIC:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- pop
- folk
- jazz
- classical
- blues
- techno
- hip-hop / rap
- rock and roll

**6. POP SONG:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the term "pop song". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131031-loud-music.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Ships are scaring away pirates in the Atlantic Ocean using loud music. | T / F |
| b. The music of Britney Spears is scaring away Somali pirates.            | T / F |
| c. The pirates hate the music because they hate Western culture.          | T / F |
| d. All shipping companies play Britney Spears' songs to Somali pirates.   | T / F |
| e. This is the first time music is being used to scare people.            | T / F |
| f. The article says Guantanamo Bay prisoners were tortured with music.    | T / F |
| g. A prisoner said loud music for weeks was worse than being beaten up.   | T / F |
| h. Pop stars started a campaign to end music being used for torture.      | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. tactic      | a. selected   |
| 2. good        | b. crazy      |
| 3. chosen      | c. frighten   |
| 4. can't stand | d. plan       |
| 5. stopping    | e. hate       |
| 6. scare       | f. ex-        |
| 7. form        | g. effective  |
| 8. former      | h. stop       |
| 9. mad         | i. preventing |
| 10. ban        | j. kind       |

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

- |                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Ship captains                   | a. stand Western culture  |
| 2. they thought the pirates        | b. form of torture        |
| 3. These guys can't                | c. its own music choice   |
| 4. an effective way                | d. used to scare people   |
| 5. Each security company will have | e. in the Indian Ocean    |
| 6. loud music has been             | f. like you are going mad |
| 7. used as a                       | g. rights charity         |
| 8. for weeks                       | h. of stopping attacks    |
| 9. It makes you feel               | i. at a time              |
| 10. a human                        | j. would hate them most   |

# GAP FILL

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*hate*  
*effective*  
*job*  
*own*  
*tactic*  
*chosen*  
*officer*  
*stand*

This is not the first time loud music has been used to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ people. It has even been used as a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of torture. Prison guards at Guantanamo Bay started using music in 2003 to keep prisoners (11) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2008, prisoners had to listen to very loud music for weeks and months. A (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Guantanamo prisoner, Ruhai Ahmed, explained that the loud music played in his cell for weeks at a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ was worse than being beaten up. He said: "It makes you feel like you are going (14) \_\_\_\_\_." Many people think prisons must stop playing loud music to someone for days or weeks at a time. A human (15) \_\_\_\_\_ charity called Reprieve has started a campaign to end it. It wants rock stars to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ prisons from using their music for torture.

*rights*  
*time*  
*awake*  
*ban*  
*scare*  
*mad*  
*form*  
*former*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Ship captains in the Indian Ocean are using a new tactic to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. keep pirates at way
  - b. keep pirates astray
  - c. keep pirates away
  - d. keep pirates a way
- 2) An officer with Britain's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. merchants navy
  - b. merchant's navy
  - c. merchant navy
  - d. merchandise navy
- 3) These \_\_\_\_\_ Western culture or music
  - a. guys can't standard
  - b. guys can't stand
  - c. guys can't standing
  - d. guys can't stands
- 4) A spokesman for a security company said playing loud pop music was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an efficient way
  - b. an effortless way
  - c. a reflective way
  - d. an effective way
- 5) Each security company will have its \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. own musically choice
  - b. own music choice
  - c. own musical choice
  - d. own musician choice
- 6) This is not the first time loud music has been used \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to scary people
  - b. to stare people
  - c. to spare people
  - d. to scare people
- 7) It has even been used as a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. firm of torture
  - b. farm of torture
  - c. form of torture
  - d. from of torture
- 8) loud music played in his cell for weeks at a time was worse than \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. being beating up
  - b. being beaten up
  - c. being beat on up
  - d. being beat ten up
- 9) playing loud music to someone for days or \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. weeks of a time
  - b. weeks on a time
  - c. week sat a time
  - d. weeks at a time
- 10) A human rights charity called Reprieve has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. started a campaign
  - b. started the campaign
  - c. start it a campaign
  - d. start it the campaign

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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This is not the first time loud music has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ people. It has even been used as a form of torture. Prison guards at Guantanamo Bay started using music in 2003 to (8) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2008, prisoners had to listen to very loud music for weeks and months. A former Guantanamo prisoner, Ruhul Ahmed, explained that the loud music played in (9) \_\_\_\_\_ at a time was worse than (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "It makes you feel like you are going mad." Many people think prisons must stop playing loud music to someone for days or (11) \_\_\_\_\_. A human rights charity called Reprieve has started a campaign to end it. It wants rock stars to ban prisons from using their (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131031-loud-music.html>

1. In which sea or ocean are ships playing Britney Spears' music?

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2. How old is Rachel Owens?

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3. Who chooses the music to play to pirates?

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4. What do the pirates think of Western culture?

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5. What did a security company say loud pop music was good for?

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6. When was music used to keep prisoners awake at Guantanamo Bay?

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7. For how long do prisoners have to listen to loud music?

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8. Who is Ruhai Ahmed?

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9. How does listening to loud music for weeks make you feel?

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10. What does a charity want rock stars to do?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131031-loud-music.html>

1. In which sea or ocean are ships playing Britney Spears' music?
  - a) the Atlantic Ocean
  - b) the South China Sea
  - c) the Indian Ocean
  - d) the Mediterranean Sea
2. How old is Rachel Owens?
  - a) 34
  - b) 35
  - c) 36
  - d) 37
3. Who chooses the music to play to pirates?
  - a) security teams
  - b) the ship's captain
  - c) pop stars
  - d) radio stations
4. What do the pirates think of Western culture?
  - a) it doesn't bother them
  - b) they can't stand it
  - c) they like parts and dislike other parts
  - d) they love it
5. What did a security company say loud pop music was good for?
  - a) relations between pirates and ships
  - b) stress
  - c) exercise
  - d) stopping attacks on ships
6. When was music used to keep prisoners awake at Guantanamo Bay?
  - a) 2002
  - b) 2003
  - c) 2006
  - d) 2008
7. For how long do prisoners have to listen to loud music?
  - a) weeks and months
  - b) until they fall asleep
  - c) a few hours a day
  - d) 10 hours
8. Who is Ruhai Ahmed?
  - a) a pirate
  - b) a ship's captain
  - c) an ex-prisoner
  - d) a security expert
9. How does listening to loud music for weeks make you feel?
  - a) like you want to dance
  - b) full of energy
  - c) good
  - d) like you're going crazy
10. What does a charity want rock stars to do?
  - a) ask prisons to stop playing their music
  - b) make music that is quieter
  - c) play live on a ship near Somalia
  - d) visit Guantanamo Bay

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Loud pop music**

You think loud pop music is the best way to stop the pirates. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): taking photos, water cannon or arresting pirate leaders.

## **Role B – Taking photos**

You think taking photos is the best way to stop the pirates. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): loud pop music, water cannon or arresting pirate leaders.

## **Role C – Water cannon**

You think water cannon is the best way to stop the pirates. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): taking photos, loud pop music or arresting pirate leaders.

## **Role D – Arresting pirate leaders**

You think arresting pirate leaders is the best way to stop the pirates. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): taking photos, water cannon or loud pop music.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131031-loud-music.html>

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

<b>pop</b>	<b>song</b>
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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"><li>• tactic</li><li>• job</li><li>• hate</li><li>• perfect</li><li>• stopping</li><li>• each</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• first</li><li>• guards</li><li>• 2008</li><li>• cell</li><li>• mad</li><li>• rock</li></ul>
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# LOUD MUSIC SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131031-loud-music.html>

Write five GOOD questions about loud 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.

# LOUD MUSIC DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'pirate'?
- c) What's the best way to stop pirates attacking ships?
- d) What do you think of playing loud pop music to stop pirates?
- e) Would loud music stop you doing something?
- f) How does loud music make you feel?
- g) How could the pirates hate the music so much?
- h) What other things could loud music stop?
- i) What music would you play to stop the pirates?
- j) How do you think Britney Spears feels about her music scaring pirates?

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# LOUD MUSIC DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Is music a form of torture?
- c) Would loud music stop you from sleeping?
- d) How do you feel when someone plays loud music on their iPod in public?
- e) Why would loud music for weeks be worse than being beaten up?
- f) What's the best music to play loud?
- g) What pop star's music would you hate to listen to?
- h) Is loud music bad for you?
- i) Should more rock stars join the Reprieve campaign?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a pirate scared of pop music?

# 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) tact        | (b) tactical | (c) tactic   | (d) tactics  |
| 2.  | (a) job         | (b) task     | (c) errand   | (d) work     |
| 3.  | (a) chose       | (b) chosen   | (c) choice   | (d) choose   |
| 4.  | (a) bow         | (b) sit      | (c) kneel    | (d) stand    |
| 5.  | (a) at          | (b) by       | (c) of       | (d) as       |
| 6.  | (a) ships       | (b) shipping | (c) shipment | (d) shipped  |
| 7.  | (a) scare       | (b) scary    | (c) scared   | (d) scar     |
| 8.  | (a) wakey-wakey | (b) wake up  | (c) woke     | (d) awake    |
| 9.  | (a) span        | (b) period   | (c) time     | (d) length   |
| 10. | (a) over        | (b) down     | (c) over     | (d) up       |
| 11. | (a) go          | (b) going    | (c) gone     | (d) been     |
| 12. | (a) rights      | (b) lefts    | (c) wrongs   | (d) properly |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. Ship pstiacna in the Indian Ocean
2. using a new cicatt to keep pirates away
3. These guys can't stand Western ulrtcue
4. making Britney's hits etecpfr
5. an ffeetivec way of stopping attacks on ships
6. Each utersyic company will have its own music choice

## Paragraph 2

7. used to caers people
8. used as a form of urttero
9. keep rsisrneop awake
10. worse than being taneeb up
11. A human hgtsir charity
12. started a gcaminap to end it



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131031-loud-music.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) job against Somali pirates. Ms Owens, 34, said: "[Britney's] songs were chosen by the security
- ( ) mad." Many people think prisons must stop playing loud music to someone for days or weeks at a time. A human
- ( ) sung by U.S. pop star Britney Spears. An officer with Britain's merchant navy, Rachel Owens, said Britney Spears' songs did a good
- ( **1** ) Ship captains in the Indian Ocean are using a new tactic to keep pirates away – songs
- ( ) awake. In 2008, prisoners had to listen to very loud music for weeks and months. A former
- ( ) stand Western culture or music, making Britney's hits perfect." A spokesman for a security company said playing
- ( ) This is not the first time loud music has been used to scare people. It has even been used as a form
- ( ) loud pop music was an effective way of stopping attacks on ships. He said not all shipping companies
- ( ) Guantanamo prisoner, Ruhel Ahmed, explained that the loud music played in his cell
- ( ) team because they thought the pirates would hate them most. These guys can't
- ( ) of torture. Prison guards at Guantanamo Bay started using music in 2003 to keep prisoners
- ( ) rights charity called Reprieve has started a campaign to end it. It wants rock stars to ban prisons from using their music for torture.
- ( ) choose Britney Spears' music. He added: "Each security company will have its own music choice."
- ( ) for weeks at a time was worse than being beaten up. He said: "It makes you feel like you are going

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131031-loud-music.html>

1. tactic Captains in the Indian Ocean are using a new.

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2. the most pirates would They hate thought them.

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3. guys or can't music stand Western These culture.

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4. way ships of stopping An attacks effective on.

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5. its choice security have music Each will own company.

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6. first the not is This used been has music loud time.

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7. a form of torture It has even been used as.

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8. for weeks Prisoners had to listen to very loud music.

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9. feel are you you mad makes like going It.

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10. their Ban music prisons for from torture using.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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This is not the first time loud music has been used to *scary / scare* people. It has even been used as a form *of / for* torture. Prison guards at Guantanamo Bay started *using / use* music in 2003 to keep prisoners *wakey-wakey / awake*. In 2008, prisoners *had / must* to listen to very loud music for weeks and months. A *former / farmer* Guantanamo prisoner, Ruhul Ahmed, explained that the loud music played in his cell for weeks at a *span / time* was worse than being beaten up. He said: "It makes you feel like you are *going / been* mad." Many people think prisons must stop playing loud music to someone for days or weeks at a time. A human *wrongs / rights* charity called Reprieve has started a campaign to end it. It wants rock stars to ban *prisons / prisoners* from using their music for torture.

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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 loud music and pirates. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. LOUD MUSIC:** Make a poster about loud music. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PIRATES:** Write a magazine article about Britney Spears' music being played to pirates. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against 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 a security expert. Ask him/her three questions about loud music played to pirates. Give him/her three of your opinions on this. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d F    e F    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. tactic      | a. plan       |
| 2. good        | b. effective  |
| 3. chosen      | c. selected   |
| 4. can't stand | d. hate       |
| 5. stopping    | e. preventing |
| 6. scare       | f. frighten   |
| 7. form        | g. kind       |
| 8. former      | h. ex-        |
| 9. mad         | i. crazy      |
| 10. ban        | j. stop       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The Indian Ocean
2. 34
3. The security team
4. They can't stand it
5. Stopping attacks on ships
6. 2003
7. Prisoners listened to loud music for weeks and months
8. A former Guantanamo Bay prisoner
9. Like you're going mad
10. Tell prisons to stop playing their music

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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