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Level 5

Swimming with dolphins may be banned

31st August, 2016

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THE READING

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Hawaii is proposing a ban on the tourist activity of swimming with dolphins off the Hawaiian coast. The dolphins have been a magnet for tourists over the past decades. However, officials say the tourism is harmful to the dolphins because they are supposed to be resting and socializing. The National Marine Fisheries Service proposes to prohibit swimming with, or approaching within 50 metres of, Hawaii's spinner dolphins. That would end many tour group activities, such as sailing alongside the dolphins in a boat and snorkeling with them.

Ann Garrett, from the National Marine Fisheries Service, said she didn't think the ban would have a big impact on Hawaii's tourist trade. She said: "We think that by identifying 50 metres as the minimum distance, there still can be a viable tourist industry." Tour operators disagreed. Tour company owner Kevin Merrill warned: "It would be the end of legitimate dolphin swimming. We couldn't offer the people the quality interaction that they expect." Dolphins are most active at night and sleep and relax during the day. Garrett said the interaction affects the dolphins' health and fitness.

Sources: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/26/us/federal-officials-look-for-ban-on-swimming-with-spinner-dolphins-in-hawaii.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Hawaii is proposing a ban | a. magnet for tourists |
| 2. off the | b. to be resting |
| 3. dolphins have been a | c. the dolphins |
| 4. over the past | d. Hawaiian coast |
| 5. tourism is | e. 50 metres |
| 6. they are supposed | f. on the tourist activity |
| 7. approaching within | g. decades |
| 8. sailing alongside | h. harmful to the dolphins |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. the ban would have a big | a. the end |
| 2. Hawaii's tourist | b. tourist industry |
| 3. identifying 50 metres as the | c. and fitness |
| 4. a viable | d. trade |
| 5. It would be | e. impact |
| 6. the quality interaction that | f. active at night |
| 7. Dolphins are most | g. minimum distance |
| 8. interaction affects the dolphins' health | h. they expect |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Hawaii is proposing a ban on (1) _____ of swimming with dolphins off the Hawaiian coast. The dolphins have (2) _____ for tourists over the past decades. However, officials say the (3) _____ to the dolphins because they are supposed to be resting and socializing. The National Marine Fisheries Service (4) _____ swimming with, or approaching within 50 metres of, Hawaii's spinner dolphins. That would (5) _____ group activities, such (6) _____ the dolphins in a boat and snorkeling with them.

Ann Garrett, from the National Marine Fisheries Service, said she didn't think the ban would have (7) _____ Hawaii's tourist trade. She said: "We think that by identifying 50 metres as (8) _____, there still can (9) _____ industry." Tour operators disagreed. Tour company owner Kevin Merrill warned: "It would be the end of legitimate dolphin swimming. We couldn't offer the people the (10) _____ that they expect." Dolphins are most active at night and sleep and (11) _____ day. Garrett said the interaction affects the dolphins' (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DOLPHINS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1608/160831-dolphins-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dolphins 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) _____

