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Taylor Swift pulls album from Apple Music*

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* Apple has now decided to pay artists during the free trial and Taylor Swift has agreed to include her album on Apple Music.

THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift-1.html>

Taylor Swift has removed her album '1989' from Apple Music. She disagrees with Apple giving her music away for free. Apple Music is a new music streaming service. It starts on June 30th with a free, three-month trial. Swift says Apple should pay artists during this time. Apple Music will be \$9.99 a month after the trial. Swift said Apple was greedy. She said: "We don't ask [Apple] for free iPhones. Please don't ask us to provide you with our music for [free]."

Swift wrote in a letter: "Apple Music will not be paying writers, producers, or artists for those three months." She said this was shocking, disappointing, and completely unlike Apple. She said Apple is rich, and that: "We know how...successful Apple has been and we know that this incredible company has the money to pay artists....Three months is a long time to go unpaid, and it is unfair to ask anyone to work for nothing."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-33216778>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. giving her music | a. for free iPhones |
| 2. a free, three- | b. after the trial |
| 3. Apple should pay artists | c. us to |
| 4. Apple Music will be \$9.99 a month | d. month trial |
| 5. Swift said Apple | e. music for free |
| 6. We don't ask Apple | f. away for free |
| 7. Please don't ask | g. was greedy |
| 8. provide you with our | h. during this time |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Apple Music will not be | a. go unpaid |
| 2. She said this was | b. nothing |
| 3. completely unlike | c. company |
| 4. We know how successful | d. paying writers |
| 5. incredible | e. Apple |
| 6. Three months is a long time to | f. anyone to |
| 7. it is unfair to ask | g. shocking |
| 8. work for | h. Apple has been |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Taylor Swift (1) _____ album '1989' from Apple Music. She disagrees with Apple (2) _____ away for free. Apple Music is a new music (3) _____. It starts on June 30th with a free, three-month trial. Swift says Apple should pay artists (4) _____. Apple Music will be \$9.99 a month (5) _____. Swift said Apple was greedy. She said: "We don't ask [Apple] for free iPhones. Please don't (6) _____ you with our music for [free]."

Swift wrote in a letter: "Apple Music (7) _____ writers, producers, or artists (8) _____ months." She said this was shocking, disappointing, (9) _____ Apple. She said Apple is rich, and that: "We know how...successful Apple has been (10) _____ this incredible company has the money to pay artists....Three months is (11) _____ unpaid, and it is unfair to ask anyone to (12) _____."

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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift-1.html>

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