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Ed Sheeran takes a year's break from social media

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THE READING

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Singer Ed Sheeran is taking a break from social media. He is fed up with looking at small screens. The international superstar has over 20 million followers on Twitter and Instagram. He often tells his fans about his personal life, but now he wants to have a rest. He wrote: "Hello all. I'm taking a break from my phone, e-mails and all social media for a while." He added: "I find myself seeing the world through a screen and not my eyes."

Sheeran has been touring the world giving concerts since August 2014. He wrote: "I'm taking this opportunity of me not having to be anywhere or do anything to travel the world." He will also have an operation for a burst eardrum. He has good news for his millions of fans. He announced his third album. He said it was the best thing he has made so far. He thanked his fans and said he would be back next autumn.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. taking a | a. on Twitter |
| 2. He is fed | b. through a screen |
| 3. international | c. life |
| 4. 20 million followers | d. up |
| 5. personal | e. a break |
| 6. he wants | f. break |
| 7. I'm taking | g. superstar |
| 8. seeing the world | h. to have a rest |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. touring the | a. has made so far |
| 2. I'm taking | b. world |
| 3. travel the | c. next autumn |
| 4. an operation for a | d. his fans |
| 5. He announced his | e. world |
| 6. it was the best thing he | f. this opportunity |
| 7. He thanked | g. third album |
| 8. he would be back | h. burst eardrum |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Singer Ed Sheeran (1) _____ break from social media. He is (2) _____ looking at small screens. The international superstar has over 20 million followers on Twitter and Instagram. He (3) _____ fans about his personal life, but now he (4) _____ a rest. He wrote: "Hello all. I'm taking a break from my phone, e-mails and all social media (5) _____." He added: "I find myself seeing the world through a screen (6) _____ eyes."

Sheeran (7) _____ the world giving concerts since August 2014. He wrote: "I'm taking this opportunity of me (8) _____ be anywhere or do anything to travel the world." He will also have (9) _____ a burst eardrum. He has good news (10) _____ of fans. He announced his third album. He (11) _____ best thing he has made so far. He thanked his fans and said he (12) _____ next autumn.

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)
