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**Level 1 – 8th July, 2020**

## **Huge financial rescue package for UK arts**

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the-arts-1.html>

The UK will give nearly \$2 billion to help the country's arts industry. The money will help theatres, concert halls, galleries, museums and other venues. It will help actors, writers, composers, make-up artists and support staff out of work because of the coronavirus. The money is, "the biggest ever one-off investment in UK culture". The cash is a, "lifeline to vital cultural...organisations...hit hard by the pandemic". It will help them while their doors are closed.

The UK is world famous for its arts. People everywhere know and love its cultural icons. They attract millions of tourists. The government said theatre, musicals, exhibitions and "gigs in local basement venues" make the cultural industry "the beating heart" of the UK. It added: "Our arts and culture are the soul of our nation. They make our country great and are the centre of our world-beating and fast growing creative industries."

Sources: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/157-billion-investment-to-protect-britains-world-class-cultural-arts-and-heritage-institutions>  
<https://metro.co.uk/2020/07/05/boris-unveils-1570000000-rescue-fund-theatres-museums-galleries-12949483/>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jul/05/boris-johnson-uk-lifeline-arts-heritage-sector-afloat>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the-arts-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. help the country's arts | a. up artists      |
| 2. museums and             | b. the coronavirus |
| 3. make-                   | c. the pandemic    |
| 4. support                 | d. other venues    |
| 5. out of work because of  | e. lifeline        |
| 6. the biggest ever one-   | f. staff           |
| 7. The cash is a           | g. industry        |
| 8. hit hard by             | h. off investment  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The UK is world        | a. venues              |
| 2. cultural               | b. and culture         |
| 3. They attract millions  | c. industries          |
| 4. gigs in local basement | d. great               |
| 5. Our arts               | e. icons               |
| 6. the soul of            | f. famous for its arts |
| 7. They make our country  | g. of tourists         |
| 8. fast growing creative  | h. our nation          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK is world (7) \_\_\_\_\_ arts. People everywhere know and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ icons. They attract millions of tourists. The government said theatre, musicals, exhibitions and "gigs in (9) \_\_\_\_\_" make the cultural industry "(10) \_\_\_\_\_" of the UK. It added: "Our arts and culture are the soul (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They make our country great and are the centre of our world-beating (12) \_\_\_\_\_ creative industries."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the-arts-1.html>

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# THE ARTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the-arts-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the arts 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the arts-1.html>

Write about **the arts** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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