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Level 2 – 30th August, 2021

ABBA to release first new music in 39 years

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The pop group ABBA are back. They will release new songs for the first time in 39 years. They also have a new album and a new stage show. The Swedish group formed in 1972. They are one of the most popular and successful pop groups in history. They are famous for songs such as Dancing Queen. A romantic comedy film called Mamma Mia! was released in 2008. This had many of their biggest hits. The movie later became a stage show. It is the seventh longest-running show in London's musicals history. It is also the ninth longest-running show on New York's Broadway.

ABBA just launched a website called ABBA Voyage. It invites fans to register in a new mystery project. There will be more news about this on September the 2nd. However, ABBA's guitarist accidentally revealed a new album is coming this autumn. Fans may be disappointed to learn that ABBA's members will not be in the stage show. Instead, there will be holograms of the group. These will be digital, lifelike avatars of each group member. The avatars have the nickname "ABBA-tars". There will be eight shows a week. They will take place in a newly-built theatre in London.

Sources: <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/abba-to-release-first-new-music-in-39-years-and-announces-hologram-show-in-london/ar-AANMD7Q>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The pop group ABBA are | a. formed in 1972 |
| 2. They also have | b. comedy |
| 3. The Swedish group | c. running show |
| 4. one of the most popular and | d. a new album |
| 5. A romantic | e. successful |
| 6. This had many of their | f. a stage show |
| 7. The movie later became | g. back |
| 8. the ninth longest- | h. biggest hits |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. ABBA just launched a website | a. guitarist |
| 2. It invites fans to | b. a week |
| 3. a new mystery | c. about this |
| 4. There will be more news | d. called ABBA Voyage |
| 5. ABBA's | e. group member |
| 6. Fans may be disappointed | f. register |
| 7. digital, lifelike avatars of each | g. to learn that |
| 8. There will be eight shows | h. project |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The pop group ABBA are back. They (1) _____ songs for the (2) _____ 39 years. They also have a new album and a (3) _____. The Swedish group formed in 1972. They are one of the most popular and successful pop (4) _____. They are famous for songs such as Dancing Queen. A romantic comedy film called Mamma Mia! was released in 2008. This had many of (5) _____. The movie later became a stage show. It is the seventh longest-running show in London's musicals history. It is also the ninth longest-(6) _____ New York's Broadway.

ABBA just (7) _____ called ABBA Voyage. It invites fans to register in a (8) _____. There will be more news about this on September the 2nd. However, ABBA's guitarist accidentally revealed a new album is (9) _____. Fans may be disappointed to learn that ABBA's members will not be in the stage show. Instead, there will (10) _____ the group. These will be digital, lifelike avatars of each group member. The avatars (11) _____ "ABBAatars". There will be eight shows a week. They will (12) _____ a newly-built theatre in London.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POP MUSIC SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pop 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.

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) _____

