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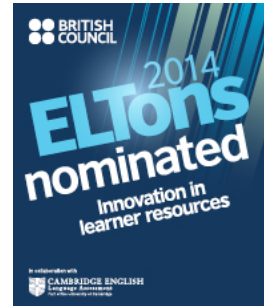
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Travel company ends 'unethical' animal tours

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140519-animal-rights-1.html>

The STA Travel company is ending tours to many of the world's animal attractions. STA sells holidays, flights and accommodation. It will no longer organize tours to places where animals are not free. It will stop tours to SeaWorld in the USA. The company will only go to places that are good to animals. Many customers complained about some tours. STA said: "We take this seriously and listen carefully to feedback from animal welfare experts."

SeaWorld was disappointed with STA's decision. It said it has high standards of animal care. It said animal rights groups made STA take this decision. A spokesperson said: "There is no higher priority for SeaWorld than the...welfare of our animals." STA said: "It is really important we...understand what the issues are and work with organisations that really understand those issues." An animal rights group said all dolphins suffer at theme parks.

Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/may/16/sta-travel-ends-unethical-animal-trips-elephants-seaworld>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. many of the world's | a. complained |
| 2. flights and | b. animal attractions |
| 3. It will stop tours | c. to feedback |
| 4. go to places that | d. to SeaWorld |
| 5. Many customers | e. experts |
| 6. We take this | f. accommodation |
| 7. listen carefully | g. seriously |
| 8. animal welfare | h. are good to animals |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. disappointed with | a. really understand |
| 2. it has high | b. rights groups |
| 3. animal | c. standards |
| 4. animal | d. of our animals |
| 5. There is no higher | e. STA's decision |
| 6. the welfare | f. issues are |
| 7. understand what the | g. priority |
| 8. organisations that | h. care |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The STA Travel company (1) _____ many of the world's animal attractions. STA sells holidays, flights and accommodation. It will (2) _____ tours to places where animals are not free. It (3) _____ SeaWorld in the USA. The company will (4) _____ that are good to animals. Many customers (5) _____ some tours. STA said: "We take this seriously and listen carefully to feedback from animal (6) _____."

SeaWorld (7) _____ STA's decision. It said it has high standards (8) _____. It said animal rights groups made STA take this decision. A spokesperson said: "There is (9) _____ for SeaWorld than the...welfare of our animals." STA said: "It is (10) _____...understand what the issues (11) _____ organisations that really understand those issues." An animal rights group said all dolphins (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)
