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Level 0

'Tom and Jerry' cartoon gets racism warning

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Amazon.com says some Tom and Jerry shows are racist. An Amazon warning says that the racism from 70 years ago was wrong. It says this racism is still wrong today. People say the black maid in the cartoon is racist. In the 1960s, some cartoons were changed because of racism.

Two cartoonists made Tom and Jerry in 1940. They made 114 Tom and Jerry cartoons from 1940 to 1957. The cartoons won seven Oscars. They are very popular. Children watch them on TV every day. A man said Tom and Jerry cartoons are very good quality. Many people think Amazon's warning is "madness".

Sources: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/oct/1/amazon-adds-racism-disclaimer-to-tom-and-jerry-car/#ixzz3ExVKKSwH>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-29427843>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_and_Jerry

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. An Amazon | a. years ago |
| 2. racism from 70 | b. racist |
| 3. It says this racism is still wrong | c. changed |
| 4. the black | d. warning |
| 5. the cartoon is | e. racism |
| 6. In the | f. maid |
| 7. some cartoons were | g. 1960s |
| 8. because of | h. today |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Two | a. every day |
| 2. made Tom and Jerry | b. cartoons |
| 3. They made 114 Tom and Jerry | c. Oscars |
| 4. from 1940 | d. in 1940 |
| 5. The cartoons won seven | e. good quality |
| 6. They are very | f. to 1957 |
| 7. Children watch them on TV | g. popular |
| 8. very | h. cartoonists |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Amazon.com says some Tom and Jerry

(1) _____ . An Amazon warning says that the

racism (2) _____ was wrong. It says this racism

is (3) _____ . People say the black maid in the

(4) _____ . In the 1960s, some cartoons were

changed (5) _____ .

Two (6) _____ Tom and Jerry in 1940. They

made 114 Tom and Jerry cartoons (7) _____ .

The cartoons (8) _____ . They are very popular.

Children (9) _____ TV every day. A man said

Tom and Jerry cartoons are (10) _____ . Many

people think Amazon's warning is "madness".

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) _____

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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

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Write about **cartoons** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
