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Level 1 – 24th October 2024

New Zealand airport bans three-minute hugs

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

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THE READING

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Hugging at one airport in New Zealand could get you in trouble. The airport set a three-minute limit on hugging at the drop-off zone. This is to keep traffic flowing. There have been traffic jams near the departures building. People are taking too long to say goodbye. The airport now has signs that say: "Max hug time 3 minutes. For fonder farewells, please use the car park." People who spend longer than three minutes could get a fine.

The hugging policy is not popular. The airport CEO said he got many complaints. He said: "We were accused of breaching basic human rights." Someone on Facebook called the policy "inhumane". The CEO said: "Three minutes is plenty of time to pull up, say farewell to your loved ones and move on." He said airports were "hotbeds of emotion" and that a hug longer than 20 seconds was "really awkward".

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/oct/21/new-zealand-dunedin-airport-hug-sign-cap-3-minute>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241024-hugs-at-airports-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. get you in | a. park |
| 2. hugging at the drop- | b. to say goodbye |
| 3. This is to keep traffic | c. than three minutes |
| 4. People are taking too long | d. trouble |
| 5. fonder | e. fine |
| 6. please use the car | f. flowing |
| 7. People who spend longer | g. farewells |
| 8. get a | h. off zone |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The hugging policy | a. basic human rights |
| 2. The airport CEO said he got | b. than 20 seconds |
| 3. accused of breaching | c. to your loved ones |
| 4. Three minutes is | d. many complaints |
| 5. say farewell | e. awkward |
| 6. airports were hotbeds | f. is not popular |
| 7. a hug longer | g. plenty of time |
| 8. really | h. of emotion |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241024-hugs-at-airports-1.html>

Hugging (1) _____ in New Zealand could get (2) _____. The airport set a three-minute limit on hugging at the (3) _____. This is to keep traffic flowing. There have been (4) _____ the departures building. People are taking too long to say goodbye. The airport (5) _____ that say: "Max hug time 3 minutes. For fonder farewells, please use the car park." People who spend longer than three minutes could (6) _____.

The hugging policy is not popular. The airport CEO said he (7) _____. He said: "We were accused of breaching (8) _____." Someone on Facebook called (9) _____. The CEO said: "Three minutes is plenty of time to pull up, (10) _____ your loved ones and move on." He said airports were "(11) _____" and that a hug longer than 20 seconds (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HUGGING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241024-hugs-at-airports-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hugging 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) _____

