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Tennis stars enter Australia ahead of stranded citizens

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

Australian citizens are angered at the sight of preferential treatment being given to tennis stars. Dozens of tennis players are jetting in to Melbourne ahead of the Australian Open tennis tournament. Meanwhile, there are around 37,000 Australians stranded around the world waiting to return home. Many of these are frustrated at why they cannot return, while sports stars can enter Australia to play tennis. Organisers of the Australian Open have been chartering flights to ensure players and staff members can attend the event. All those who enter must have tested negative for coronavirus. They then have to stay in specially designated COVID-safe hotels. A number of stars have tested positive and so could not come.

The special treatment afforded to the stars has drawn criticism and ire from stranded Australians. There is particular consternation because Australia's government recently cut the weekly number of citizens allowed to return. An Aussie in London told the BBC: "I can't comprehend the fact that one week they announce they're halving the caps for citizens and the following week they announce they've found 1,200 spaces for tennis players and support staff." A Twitter user wrote: "Letting in 1,200 tennis players and their entourage...is a risky choice, and what hurts is that they'd take that risk for sport but not for stranded Aussies." He said: "The government can no longer claim it's just about the science".

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WARM-UPS

1. TENNIS STARS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tennis stars. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

citizens / angered / sight / tennis / tournament / frustrated / staff / negative / positive
special / treatment / consternation / fact / support staff / risky / government / science

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SPORTS BAN: Students A **strongly** believe all sporting events should be banned for three months; Students B **strongly** believe this is unnecessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. COVID-19: How has COVID-19 changed these things? How can we manage it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | How Things Have Changed | How To Deal With It |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Sport | | |
| Travel | | |
| Work | | |
| Shopping | | |
| Eating | | |
| Studying | | |

5. STAR: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "star". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SAFEST SPORTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the safest sports to play during the pandemic at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Tennis
- Golf
- Football
- Volleyball
- Cycling
- Swimming
- Skiing
- Jogging

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. preferential | a. Feeling or expressing distress and annoyance, especially because of an inability to change or achieve something. |
| 2. jetting in | b. Officially assigned a specified status or give a specified name or quality to something or someone. |
| 3. stranded | c. Giving better treatment to others. |
| 4. chartering | d. Arriving somewhere by airplane. |
| 5. frustrated | e. Reserving an aircraft, boat, or bus for private use. |
| 6. flight | f. An act of flying; a journey made through the air or in space, especially a scheduled journey made by an airline. |
| 7. designated | g. Being somewhere without the means to move or get out. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. afforded | h. A group of people attending or surrounding an important person. |
| 9. ire | i. An upper limit imposed on spending or other activities. |
| 10. consternation | j. Understand. |
| 11. comprehend | k. Provided or supplied an opportunity. |
| 12. cap | l. State or assert that something is the case, typically without providing evidence or proof. |
| 13. entourage | m. Great anger. |
| 14. claim | n. Feelings of anxiety or dismay, usually at something unexpected. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Australian tennis stars are angry at tennis players travelling to Australia. **T / F**
- b. Over 40,000 Australians are stranded overseas. **T / F**
- c. Tournament organisers prepared special flights for the tennis stars. **T / F**
- d. The tennis stars have to stay in COVID-safe hotels. **T / F**
- e. Australia recently increased the number of Australians allowed to return. **T / F**
- f. Australia will let in 1,200 tennis players and support staff. **T / F**
- g. A Twitter user said letting the tennis players in was risky. **T / F**
- h. The Twitter user said Australia cannot make claims about the science. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. preferential | a. shock |
| 2. jetting in | b. irked |
| 3. frustrated | c. staff |
| 4. attend | d. appointed |
| 5. designated | e. special |
| 6. afforded | f. limits |
| 7. consternation | g. provided |
| 8. caps | h. arriving |
| 9. entourage | i. argue |
| 10. claim | j. be present at |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. preferential | a. to the stars |
| 2. tennis players are jetting | b. positive |
| 3. chartering | c. their entourage |
| 4. tested | d. ire |
| 5. A number of stars have tested | e. treatment |
| 6. The special treatment afforded | f. caps for citizens |
| 7. drawn criticism and | g. negative |
| 8. halving the | h. about the science |
| 9. 1,200 tennis players and | i. in to Melbourne |
| 10. claim it's just | j. flights |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

Australian citizens are (1) _____ at the sight of preferential (2) _____ being given to tennis stars. Dozens of tennis players are (3) _____ in to Melbourne ahead of the Australian Open tennis tournament. Meanwhile, there are around 37,000 Australians (4) _____ around the world waiting to return home. Many of these are frustrated at why they cannot return, while sports stars can enter Australia to play tennis. Organisers of the Australian Open have been (5) _____ flights to ensure players and staff members can attend the event. All those who enter must have tested (6) _____ for coronavirus. They then have to stay in specially (7) _____ COVID-safe hotels. A (8) _____ of stars have tested positive and so could not come.

jetting
chartering
number
treatment
designated
angered
negative
stranded

The special treatment (9) _____ to the stars has drawn criticism and ire from stranded Australians. There is particular (10) _____ because Australia's government recently cut the weekly number of citizens allowed to return. An Aussie in London told the BBC: "I can't (11) _____ the fact that one week they announce they're (12) _____ the (13) _____ for citizens and the following week they announce they've found 1,200 spaces for tennis players and (14) _____ staff." A Twitter user wrote: "Letting in 1,200 tennis players and their (15) _____...is a risky choice, and what hurts is that they'd take that risk for sport but not for stranded Aussies." He said: "The government can no longer (16) _____ it's just about the science".

comprehend
support
claim
halving
afforded
entourage
consternation
caps

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

- 1) Australian citizens are angered at the sight of _____
 - a. preference shall treatment
 - b. preference all treatment
 - c. prefer rental treatment
 - d. preferential treatment
- 2) Meanwhile, there are around 37,000 _____
 - a. Australians strand did
 - b. Australians strand died
 - c. Australians stranded
 - d. Australians strand dead
- 3) Organisers of the Australian Open have been _____
 - a. chattering flights
 - b. chartering flights
 - c. chastening flights
 - d. chatting flights
- 4) All those who enter must have tested _____ coronavirus
 - a. negative for
 - b. negative form
 - c. negative four
 - d. negative fore
- 5) They then have to stay in specially designated _____
 - a. COVID-safety hotels
 - b. COVID-safely hotels
 - c. COVID-safe hotels
 - d. COVID-safer hotels
- 6) The special treatment afforded to the stars has drawn _____
 - a. criticism and dyer
 - b. criticism endure
 - c. criticism and dire
 - d. criticism and ire
- 7) consternation because Australia's government recently cut the weekly _____
 - a. number of citizens
 - b. number of citadels
 - c. number of city dens
 - d. number of citizenry
- 8) I can't comprehend the fact that one week they announce they're _____
 - a. having the caps
 - b. halving the caps
 - c. heaving the caps
 - d. heaven the caps
- 9) A Twitter user wrote: "Letting in 1,200 tennis players and _____"
 - a. their encourage
 - b. their inter-age
 - c. their entourage
 - d. their enter rouge
- 10) The government can no longer claim it's just about _____
 - a. the sciences
 - b. the scientists
 - c. the science
 - d. the scientific

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

Australian citizens are angered at (1) _____ preferential treatment being given to tennis stars. Dozens of tennis players (2) _____ to Melbourne ahead of the Australian Open tennis tournament. Meanwhile, there are around 37,000 Australians stranded around the world waiting to return home. Many of these (3) _____ why they cannot return, while sports stars can enter Australia to play tennis. Organisers of the Australian Open have been chartering (4) _____ players and staff members can attend the event. All those who enter must (5) _____ for coronavirus. They then have to stay in specially designated COVID-safe hotels. A number of stars have (6) _____ so could not come.

The special treatment afforded to the stars (7) _____ and ire from stranded Australians. There is particular consternation because Australia's government recently (8) _____ number of citizens allowed to return. An Aussie in London told the BBC: "I can't (9) _____ that one week they announce they're (10) _____ for citizens and the following week they announce they've found 1,200 spaces for tennis players and support staff." A Twitter user wrote: "Letting in 1,200 tennis players (11) _____...is a risky choice, and what hurts is that they'd take that risk for sport but not for stranded Aussies." He said: "The government can (12) _____ it's just about the science".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

1. Who does the article say is angry?
2. How many tennis stars does the article say are jetting in to Melbourne?
3. How many Australians are stranded overseas?
4. What have organisers been chartering for the tennis stars?
5. What kind of hotels are the tennis stars staying in?
6. What has the preferential treatment drawn besides criticism?
7. By how much did Australia cut caps on returning citizens?
8. How many spaces did Australia find for the Australian Open?
9. What kind of choice did a Twitter user say Australia is taking?
10. What did the Twitter user say Australia cannot make claims about?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

- 1) Who does the article say is angry?
 - a) tennis players
 - b) Australian citizens
 - c) football players
 - d) tennis fans
- 2) How many tennis stars does the article say are jetting in to Melbourne?
 - a) scores
 - b) hundreds
 - c) loads
 - d) dozens
- 3) How many Australians are stranded overseas?
 - a) around 37,000
 - b) exactly 37,000
 - c) just over 37,000
 - d) just fewer than 37,000
- 4) What have organisers been chartering for the tennis stars?
 - a) balls
 - b) rights
 - c) flights
 - d) drafts
- 5) What kind of hotels are the tennis stars staying in?
 - a) 5-star hotels
 - b) COVID-safe hotels
 - c) resorts
 - d) budget hotels
- 6) What has the preferential treatment drawn besides criticism?
 - a) ire
 - b) comparisons
 - c) ridicule
 - d) pictures
- 7) By how much did Australia cut caps on returning citizens?
 - a) a quarter
 - b) two-thirds
 - c) half
 - d) a fifth
- 8) How many spaces did Australia find for the Australian Open?
 - a) 1,200
 - b) 1,400
 - c) 1,100
 - d) 1,300
- 9) What kind of choice did a Twitter user say Australia is taking?
 - a) a risky choice
 - b) a wise choice
 - c) an understandable choice
 - d) a wrong choice
- 10) What did the Twitter user say Australia cannot make claims about?
 - a) the pandemic
 - b) tennis
 - c) charter flights
 - d) the science

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

Role A – Tennis

You think tennis is the safest sport to play during the pandemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports aren't as safe. Also, tell the others which is the riskiest of these (and why): volleyball, golf or swimming.

Role B – Volleyball

You think volleyball is the safest sport to play during the pandemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports aren't as safe. Also, tell the others which is the riskiest of these (and why): tennis, golf or swimming.

Role C – Golf

You think golf is the safest sport to play during the pandemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports aren't as safe. Also, tell the others which is the riskiest of these (and why): volleyball, tennis or swimming.

Role D – Swimming

You think swimming is the safest sport to play during the pandemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports aren't as safe. Also, tell the others which is the riskiest of these (and why): volleyball, golf or tennis.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'tennis' and 'star'.

| tennis | star |
|--------|------|
| | |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• angered• ahead• waiting• ensure• negative• positive | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• special• particular• fact• caps• spaces• claim |
|--|---|

TENNIS STARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tennis stars 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.

TENNIS STARS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'tennis'?
3. What do you think of tennis?
4. Should sports stars get better treatment than 'normal' people?
5. What do you think of tennis players getting special treatment?
6. Should Australian citizens be allowed to return home immediately?
7. How would it feel to be stranded?
8. What advice do you have for the stranded Australians?
9. How frustrated or angry would you be if you were Australian?
10. How important is tennis?

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TENNIS STARS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'player'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why do stars get special treatment?
15. When was the last time you felt consternation about something?
16. How can Australia get more of its citizens home?
17. How risky is it to let the tennis stars in?
18. Should international sporting events take place?
19. Is the government ignoring the science?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Australian government?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

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The special treatment (7) _____ to the stars has drawn criticism and ire from stranded Australians. There is particular (8) _____ because Australia's government recently cut the weekly number of citizens allowed to return. An Aussie in London told the BBC: "I can't comprehend the fact that one week they announce they're (9) _____ the caps for citizens and the following week they announce they've found 1,200 spaces for tennis players and support staff." A Twitter user wrote: "Letting in 1,200 tennis players and their (10) _____...is a risky choice, and what hurts is that they'd (11) _____ that risk for sport but not for stranded Aussies." He said: "The government can no longer claim it's just about the (12) _____".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) preferential | (b) prefer | (c) preference | (d) prefers |
| 2. | (a) letting | (b) setting | (c) jetting | (d) netting |
| 3. | (a) of | (b) on | (c) at | (d) to |
| 4. | (a) chastening | (b) cheating | (c) chatting | (d) chartering |
| 5. | (a) been | (b) done | (c) have | (d) taken |
| 6. | (a) competent | (b) designated | (c) expressed | (d) urged |
| 7. | (a) arisen | (b) afforded | (c) abreast | (d) actioned |
| 8. | (a) redemption | (b) consternation | (c) malfunction | (d) exemption |
| 9. | (a) having | (b) heaving | (c) halving | (d) haven |
| 10. | (a) encourage | (b) tourists | (c) treaties | (d) entourage |
| 11. | (a) bake | (b) make | (c) fake | (d) take |
| 12. | (a) germs | (b) bacteria | (c) biology | (d) science |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. eenreftipal treatment
2. the Australian Open tennis ortmaneunt
3. Australians tnardsed around the world
4. Many of these are urstratfed
5. aerthricng flights
6. specially snigeatded COVID-safe hotels

Paragraph 2

7. special treatment ffordaed to the stars
8. drawn rtcciiism and ire
9. There is particular srctontanieon
10. announce they're alvihng the caps
11. tennis players and their teruoange
12. claim it's just about the ciescne

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () tournament. Meanwhile, there are around 37,000 Australians stranded around the world waiting to return
- () home. Many of these are frustrated at why they cannot return, while sports stars can
- () members can attend the event. All those who enter must have tested negative for coronavirus. They then have to stay in specially
- (**1**) Australian citizens are angered at the sight of preferential treatment being given to tennis stars. Dozens
- () because Australia's government recently cut the weekly number of citizens allowed to return. An Aussie in London told
- () designated COVID-safe hotels. A number of stars have tested positive and so could not come.
- () The special treatment afforded to the stars has drawn criticism and ire from stranded Australians. There is particular consternation
- () the BBC: "I can't comprehend the fact that one week they announce they're halving the
- () of tennis players are jetting in to Melbourne ahead of the Australian Open tennis
- () staff." A Twitter user wrote: "Letting in 1,200 tennis players and their entourage...is a risky
- () caps for citizens and the following week they announce they've found 1,200 spaces for tennis players and support
- () enter Australia to play tennis. Organisers of the Australian Open have been chartering flights to ensure players and staff
- () choice, and what hurts is that they'd take that risk for sport but not for stranded
- () Aussies." He said: "The government can no longer claim it's just about the science".

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

1. given being treatment to Preferential tennis stars .
2. of are Dozens in jetting players to Melbourne .
3. stranded Australians 37,000 around Around the world .
4. those enter All have must who tested negative .
5. stars of number have A tested positive .
6. afforded the Treatment has stars to drawn criticism .
7. recently Australia's the cut government weekly number .
8. halving they're They the announce for caps citizens .
9. tennis 1,200 Letting players in their and entourage .
10. is What they'd that hurts take that risk .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

Australian citizens are angered at the *slight / sight* of preferential treatment being given to tennis stars. Dozens of tennis players are *jettied / jetting* in to Melbourne ahead of the Australian Open tennis tournament. Meanwhile, there are around 37,000 Australians *stranding / stranded* around the world waiting to return home. Many of these are frustrated *at / to* why they cannot return, while sports stars can *enter / entry* Australia to play tennis. Organisers of the Australian Open have been *chastening / chartering* flights to ensure players and staff members can *attend / intend* the event. All those who enter must have tested *negatively / negative* for coronavirus. They then have to stay in specially *designated / designer* COVID-safe hotels. A number of stars have tested positive and *so / such* could not come.

The special treatment *affronted / afforded* to the stars has drawn criticism and ire from stranded Australians. There is particular *constellation / consternation* because Australia's government recently cut the weekly number of citizens *allowing / allowed* to return. An Aussie in London told the BBC: "I can't comprehend the *fact / factual* that one week they announce they're *halving / heaving* the caps for citizens and the *followed / following* week they announce they've found 1,200 spaces for tennis players and support *stuff / staff*." A Twitter user wrote: "Letting in 1,200 tennis players and their *encourage / entourage*...is a risky choice, and what hurts is that they'd take that *risk / risky* for sport but not for stranded Aussies." He said: "The government can no longer *calm / claim* it's just about the science".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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__str_l__n c_t_z_ns _r_ _ng_r_d _t th_ s_gh_t _f
pr_f_r_nt__l tr__tm_nt b__ng g_v_n t_ t_nn_s st_rs.
D_z_ns _f t_nn_s pl_y_rs _r_ j_tt_ng _n t_ M_lb__rn_
_h__d _f th_ __str_l__n _p_n t_nn_s t__rn_m_nt.
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t_nn_s. _rg_n_s_rs _f th_ __str_l__n _p_n h_v_ b__n
ch_rt_r_ng fl_gh_t_s t_ _ns_r_ pl_y_rs _nd st_ff m_mb_rs
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

australian citizens are angered at the sight of preferential treatment being given to tennis stars dozens of tennis players are jetting in to melbourne ahead of the australian open tennis tournament meanwhile there are around 37000 australians stranded around the world waiting to return home many of these are frustrated at why they cannot return while sports stars can enter australia to play tennis organisers of the australian open have been chartering flights to ensure players and staff members can attend the event all those who enter must have tested negative for coronavirus they then have to stay in specially designated covidsafe hotels a number of stars have tested positive and so could not come

the special treatment afforded to the stars has drawn criticism and ire from stranded australians there is particular consternation because australias government recently cut the weekly number of citizens allowed to return an aussie in london told the bbc i cant comprehend the fact that one week they announce theyre halving the caps for citizens and the following week they announce theyve found 1200 spaces for tennis players and support staff a twitter user wrote letting in 1200 tennis players and their entourage is a risky choice and what hurts is that theyd take that risk for sport but not for stranded aussies he said the government can no longer claim its just about the

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Australian citizens are angered at the sight of preferential treatment being given to tennis stars. Dozens of tennis players are jetting into Melbourne ahead of the Australian Open tennis tournament. Meanwhile, there are around 37,000 Australians stranded around the world waiting to return home. Many of these are frustrated at why they cannot return, while sports stars can enter Australia to play tennis. Organisers of the Australian Open have been chartering flights to ensure players and staff members can attend the event. All those who enter must have tested negative for coronavirus. They then have to stay in specially designated COVID-safe hotels. A number of stars have tested positive and so could not come. The special treatment afforded to the stars has drawn criticism and ire from stranded Australians. There is particular consternation because Australia's government recently cut the weekly number of citizens allowed to return. An Aussie in London told the BBC: "I can't comprehend the fact that one week they announce they're halving the caps for citizens and the following week they announce they've found 1,200 spaces for tennis players and support staff." A Twitter user wrote: "Letting in 1,200 tennis players and their entourage... is a risky choice, and what hurts is that they'd take that risk for sport but not for stranded Aussies." He said: "The government can no longer claim it's just about the science".

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210118-tennis-stars.html>

Write about **tennis stars** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TENNIS STARS: Make a poster about tennis stars. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BANNING SPORTS EVENTS: Write a magazine article about banning all sports events for a while. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on tennis stars. Ask him/her three questions about tennis stars. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. e | 2. h | 3. b | 4. j | 5. d |
| 6. g | 7. a | 8. f | 9. c | 10. i |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Australian citizens
2. Dozens
3. Around 37,000
4. Flights
5. COVID-safe hotels
6. Ire
7. Half
8. 1,200
9. A risky choice
10. The science

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Preferential treatment being given to tennis stars.
2. Dozens of players are jetting in to Melbourne.
3. Around 37,000 Australians stranded around the world.
4. All those who enter must have tested negative.
5. A number of stars have tested positive.
6. Treatment afforded to the stars has drawn criticism.
7. Australia's government recently cut the weekly number.
8. They announce they're halving the caps for citizens.
9. Letting in 1,200 tennis players and their entourage.
10. What hurts is that they'd take that risk.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)