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## Apology for wrong Kazakhstan national anthem

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Kuwait has apologized to Kazakhstan for playing the wrong Kazakh national anthem at a sports tournament. Instead of hearing "My Kazakhstan" at the International Shooting Grand Prix, gold medalist Maria Dmitrienko heard the joke anthem from the movie "Borat". The film and its spoof anthem angered most Kazakhs. It showed the country and its people as being very stupid. Tournament organizers said they downloaded the wrong anthem from the Internet by mistake.

Officials said: "The Committee gave an official apology to the [Kazakhs at] the tournament, and the national anthem was replayed correctly. The Committee...expresses its utter regret for this unintentional mistake and reaffirms its great respect to its brothers and friends from the Republic of Kazakhstan." The film offended Kazakhstan, who banned it from movie theatres. The Kazakh government also thought about taking legal action against "Borat" actor, producer and writer Sasha Baron Cohen.

# PHRASE MATCH

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**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Kuwait has apologized           | a. organizers    |
| 2. sports                          | b. by mistake    |
| 3. gold                            | c. to Kazakhstan |
| 4. The film and its spoof          | d. medalist      |
| 5. Tournament                      | e. tournament    |
| 6. downloaded the wrong anthem ... | f. anthem        |

## Paragraph 2

- |                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. gave an official        | a. replayed correctly |
| 2. the national anthem was | b. Kazakhstan         |
| 3. utter                   | c. mistake            |
| 4. unintentional           | d. apology            |
| 5. The film offended       | e. action             |
| 6. taking legal            | f. regret             |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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Kuwait has apologized to Kazakhstan for \_\_\_\_\_  
Kazakh national anthem at a \_\_\_\_\_. Instead of  
hearing "My Kazakhstan" at the International Shooting Grand  
Prix, gold medalist Maria Dmitrienko \_\_\_\_\_  
anthem from the movie "Borat". The film and its  
\_\_\_\_\_ angered most Kazakhs. It showed the  
country and its people as \_\_\_\_\_. Tournament  
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the [Kazakhs at] the tournament, and the national anthem was  
\_\_\_\_\_. The Committee...expresses its utter  
regret for this unintentional \_\_\_\_\_ its great  
respect to its brothers and friends from the Republic of  
Kazakhstan." The \_\_\_\_\_ Kazakhstan, who  
\_\_\_\_\_ movie theatres. The Kazakh government  
also thought about taking \_\_\_\_\_ against "Borat"  
actor, producer and writer Sasha Baron Cohen.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Kuwait has apologized to Kazakhstan for (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong Kazakh national anthem at a sports tournament. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of hearing "My Kazakhstan" at the International Shooting Grand Prix, gold (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Dmitrienko heard the joke anthem from the movie "Borat". The film and its spoof anthem (4) \_\_\_\_\_ most Kazakhs. It showed the country and its people as (5) \_\_\_\_\_ very stupid. Tournament organizers said they downloaded the wrong anthem from the Internet (6) \_\_\_\_\_ mistake.

Officials said: "The Committee gave an (7) \_\_\_\_\_ apology to the [Kazakhs at] the tournament, and the national anthem was replayed (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The Committee...expresses its utter regret for this unintentional mistake and reaffirms its (9) \_\_\_\_\_ respect to its brothers and friends from the Republic of Kazakhstan." The film offended Kazakhstan, who (10) \_\_\_\_\_ it from movie theatres. The Kazakh government also thought about (11) \_\_\_\_\_ legal action (12) \_\_\_\_\_ "Borat" actor, producer and writer Sasha Baron Cohen.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                 |               |             |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) plays       | (b) player    | (c) playing |
| 2.  | (a) Instead     | (b) However   | (c) Rather  |
| 3.  | (a) medallion   | (b) medalist  | (c) medals  |
| 4.  | (a) frustration | (b) angered   | (c) furious |
| 5.  | (a) doing       | (b) having    | (c) being   |
| 6.  | (a) on          | (b) by        | (c) as      |
| 7.  | (a) official    | (b) officer   | (c) office  |
| 8.  | (a) correction  | (b) correctly | (c) correct |
| 9.  | (a) great       | (b) grate     | (c) greet   |
| 10. | (a) binned      | (b) bend      | (c) banned  |
| 11. | (a) taking      | (b) being     | (c) writing |
| 12. | (a) for         | (b) from      | (c) against |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

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2. sports aeotntrnm
3. gold dtilmase
4. opfso anthem
5. aredegn most Kazakhs
6. by tismkea

## Paragraph 2

7. gave an official glypoao
8. replayed ycrercolt
9. utter grrete
10. great rsecept
11. ndabne it from movie theatres
12. actor, producer and rwtrie

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1203/120326-kazakhstan\\_national\\_anthem.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1203/120326-kazakhstan_national_anthem.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( **1** ) Kuwait has apologized to Kazakhstan for playing the wrong Kazakh national anthem at a sports
- ( ) friends from the Republic of Kazakhstan.” The film offended Kazakhstan, who banned
- ( ) medalist Maria Dmitrienko heard the joke anthem from the movie “Borat”. The film
- ( ) Officials said: “The Committee gave an official apology to the [Kazakhs at] the
- ( ) and its people as being very stupid. Tournament organizers said they downloaded
- ( ) regret for this unintentional mistake and reaffirms its great respect to its brothers and
- ( ) and its spoof anthem angered most Kazakhs. It showed the country
- ( ) the wrong anthem from the Internet by mistake.
- ( ) action against “Borat” actor, producer and writer Sasha Baron Cohen.
- ( ) it from movie theatres. The Kazakh government also thought about taking legal
- ( ) tournament. Instead of hearing “My Kazakhstan” at the International Shooting Grand Prix, gold
- ( ) tournament, and the national anthem was replayed correctly. The Committee...expresses its utter

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. anthem Playing wrong national the Kazakh.

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2. Gold anthem joke the heard Dmitrienko medalist.

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3. spoof angered Kazakhs Its anthem most.

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4. people It . showed the country and its

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5. the Downloaded Internet the from anthem wrong.

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6. Committee an apology The gave official.

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7. . anthem national correctly The replayed was

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8. this for regret utter Its mistake unintentional.

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9. Kazakhstan , The who film banned offended it.

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10. action legal taking about Thought.

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## **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. \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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**Write about national anthems for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# 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. NATIONAL ANTHEMS:** Search the Internet and find more information about national anthems. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about the wrong Kazakhstan national anthem being played. Include an imaginary interview with the gold medalist. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. 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.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a national anthems expert. Ask him/her three questions about national anthems. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.