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China and Taiwan in historic meeting

7th November, 2015

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THE READING

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A historic event will take place on November the 7th. Chinese president Xi Jinping and Taiwanese president Ma Ying-Jeou will meet for talks. It is the first summit at presidential level between China and Taiwan since 1949. Taiwan is just 180 km from China but their relations have been difficult for a long time. China believes Taiwan is part of China, not a separate nation. Only 22 countries recognise Taiwan as being an independent country.

The meeting could help to repair decades-old differences. There could be more meetings in the future. The two parties have decided not to use the term "president" in the meeting. Instead, they will use the word "mister". They will not sign any agreements, make any joint statements or hold a joint press conference. They will exchange views to develop peaceful relations. An official said the leaders want to, "keep the status quo".

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. A historic | a. part of China |
| 2. meet for | b. level |
| 3. It is the first | c. country |
| 4. at presidential | d. summit |
| 5. Taiwan is just 180 km | e. event will take place |
| 6. their relations have been difficult | f. talks |
| 7. China believes Taiwan is | g. from China |
| 8. an independent | h. for a long time |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. repair decades- | a. views |
| 2. There could be more | b. old differences |
| 3. they will use the word | c. quo |
| 4. They will not sign any | d. relations |
| 5. hold a joint press | e. meetings in the future |
| 6. They will exchange | f. "mister" |
| 7. develop peaceful | g. conference |
| 8. keep the status | h. agreements |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A historic (1) _____ place on November the 7th. Chinese president Xi Jinping and Taiwanese president Ma Ying-Jeou will meet for talks. It is (2) _____ at presidential level between China and Taiwan since 1949. Taiwan (3) _____ km from China but their relations have been difficult (4) _____. China believes Taiwan is part of China, not (5) _____. Only 22 countries recognise Taiwan (6) _____ independent country.

The meeting could (7) _____ decades-old differences. There could be more meetings in the future. (8) _____ have decided not (9) _____ "president" in the meeting. Instead, they will use the word "mister". They (10) _____ agreements, make any joint statements (11) _____ press conference. They will exchange views to develop peaceful relations. An official said the leaders want to, "keep (12) _____".

CHINA AND TAIWAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about China and Taiwan 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) _____
- 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) _____

FREE WRITING

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Write about **China and Taiwan** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
