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## **Level 4**

### **Indonesia attempts to count all its islands**

**9th June, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia-4.html>

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia-4.html>

Indonesia has started counting its islands. It wants to locate and name 1,700 islands in time for a UN conference on geographical names in August. Indonesia wants the islands and fishing rights surrounding them so its neighbors can't claim them. Indonesia says illegal fishing is costing billions of dollars in lost money each year. A spokeswoman said 60% of islands in Indonesia don't have a name or legal status, so other countries can easily take them.

Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago. In 2012, it registered 13,466 islands but there could be 17,508. The UN says an island is, "a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water, which is still exposed at high tide". It is a big job to count the islands. A spokesman said: "We have to visit every one of these islands, and then we note the coordinates, the name, the meaning of the name...and describe the landscape and its geographical history."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-40168981>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Indonesia has started counting | a. names               |
| 2. locate and                     | b. a UN conference     |
| 3. in time for                    | c. status              |
| 4. geographical                   | d. claim them          |
| 5. fishing                        | e. its islands         |
| 6. its neighbors can't            | f. billions of dollars |
| 7. illegal fishing is costing     | g. rights              |
| 8. legal                          | h. name 1,700 islands  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Indonesia is the world's largest | a. 13,466 islands |
| 2. it registered                    | b. tide           |
| 3. a naturally formed area of       | c. by water       |
| 4. surrounded                       | d. landscape      |
| 5. still exposed at high            | e. archipelago    |
| 6. It is a big job to count         | f. coordinates    |
| 7. and then we note the             | g. the islands    |
| 8. describe the                     | h. land           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# INDONESIA SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Indonesia 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) \_\_\_\_\_

