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Level 3

Taliban leader killed in Pakistan

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THE ARTICLE

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The leader of the Taliban in Pakistan was killed in a drone attack on Friday. Hakimullah Mehsud was the most wanted man in Pakistan. He died in the remote Waziristan region of north-western Pakistan. Three other people died in the drone strike. In 2010, the U.S. government said it would pay \$5 million for information about where Mr Mehsud lived. The U.S. wanted him for a deadly attack on one of its military bases in Afghanistan in 2009. Seven Americans and a Jordanian died in that attack. The Pakistan government told America that it "strongly condemns the U.S. drone strike". The Taliban said: "We confirm with great [sadness] that our [great] leader was martyred in a drone attack."

Hakimullah Mehsud became leader of the Pakistan Taliban in 2009, following the death of the previous leader in a drone attack. Mehsud showed how much damage he could create in Pakistan soon after he became leader. He was behind five terror attacks in a single day in three different Pakistani cities. Five days later, there were three different attacks in the city of Lahore. American intelligence officials say he was also behind a planned terror attack in New York's Times Square in 2010. Security sources say his death is a major blow to the Taliban in Pakistan. It might also be bad news for peace talks between the Pakistani government and the Taliban. The two sides had been talking for months.

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2013/11/01/world/asia/pakistan-violence/>
<http://www.thehimalayantimes.com/>
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-26417-The-rise-and-fall-of-Hakimullah>

WARM-UPS

1. THE TALIBAN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Taliban. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

drone attack / most wanted man / information / military base / condemns / martyred / previous leader / damage / terror attacks / security sources / major blow / peace talks

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

3. PEACE: How can peace come to these regions? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Peace in...	How?	Will this happen? (Why/not?)
Pakistan		
Syria		
Colombia		
Somalia		
Mexico (Drug War)		
Iraq		

4. DRONES: Students A **strongly** believe drone attacks should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe they are necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. BRING PEACE: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put who / what can bring peace in Pakistan the quickest at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Pakistan / Taliban talks
- The U.N. Security Council
- The White House
- Regional leaders
- Pakistan's people
- Time
- The Taliban
- Pakistan's leader

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131104-taliban.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The leader of Afghanistan's Taliban was killed in an attack in Pakistan. | T / F |
| b. The leader was not the only person killed in the attack. | T / F |
| c. The attack cost the USA \$5 million. | T / F |
| d. Pakistan is unhappy that the USA killed a Taliban leader. | T / F |
| e. Hakimullah Mehsud had been a Taliban leader for over 10 years. | T / F |
| f. The leader before him also died in a drone strike. | T / F |
| g. Mehsud carried out a terror attack in New York's Times Square. | T / F |
| h. Mehsud's death might be bad for peace talks in Pakistan. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 1. leader | a. responsible for |
| 2. remote | b. organised |
| 3. deadly | c. sorrow |
| 4. condemn | d. far off |
| 5. sadness | e. shock |
| 6. previous | f. lethal |
| 7. behind | g. former |
| 8. single | h. head |
| 9. planned | i. one |
| 10. blow | j. criticise |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. the remote | a. strike |
| 2. drone | b. a planned terror attack |
| 3. military | c. a drone attack |
| 4. it strongly | d. for peace |
| 5. martyred in | e. of the previous leader |
| 6. following the death | f. had been talking |
| 7. officials say he was also behind | g. Waziristan region |
| 8. a major | h. condemns the U.S. drone strike |
| 9. bad news | i. blow to the Taliban |
| 10. The two sides | j. bases |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131104-taliban.html>

The leader of the Taliban in Pakistan was killed in a drone attack on Friday. Hakimullah Mehsud was the most (1) _____ man in Pakistan. He died in the (2) _____ Waziristan region of north-western Pakistan. Three other people died in the drone strike. In 2010, the U.S. government said it would pay \$5 million for (3) _____ about where Mr Mehsud lived. The U.S. wanted him for a (4) _____ attack on one of its military (5) _____ in Afghanistan in 2009. Seven Americans and a Jordanian died in that attack. The Pakistan government told America that it "strongly (6) _____ the U.S. drone strike". The Taliban said: "We (7) _____ with great [sadness] that our [great] leader was (8) _____ in a drone attack."

bases
martyred
condemns
wanted
information
confirm
remote
deadly

Hakimullah Mehsud became leader of the Pakistan Taliban in 2009, (9) _____ the death of the previous leader in a drone attack. Mehsud (10) _____ how much damage he could create in Pakistan soon after he became leader. He was (11) _____ five terror attacks in a single day in three different Pakistani cities. Five days later, there were three (12) _____ attacks in the city of Lahore. American intelligence officials say he was also behind a (13) _____ terror attack in New York's Times Square in 2010. Security sources say his death is a major (14) _____ to the Taliban in Pakistan. It might also be (15) _____ news for peace talks between the Pakistani government and the Taliban. The two (16) _____ had been talking for months.

blow
behind
bad
showed
sides
following
planned
different

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The leader of the Taliban in Pakistan was killed in _____
 - a. a drone attacks
 - b. a drone attacked
 - c. a drone attack
 - d. a drone attacker
- 2) He died _____ Waziristan region of north-western Pakistan
 - a. in the remotely
 - b. in the rim moat
 - c. in the ream oat
 - d. in the remote
- 3) The U.S. wanted him for a deadly attack on one of _____
 - a. its military base
 - b. its military bases
 - c. its military basics
 - d. its military bay seas
- 4) The Pakistan government told America that it strongly _____ drone strike
 - a. condemns the U.S.
 - b. condemn the U.S.
 - c. condemned the U.S.
 - d. con dams the U.S.
- 5) We confirm with great sadness that our great leader _____
 - a. was martyr
 - b. was martyred
 - c. was martyrs
 - d. was martyrdom
- 6) Mehsud showed how much damage he _____ Pakistan
 - a. could create in
 - b. could creating
 - c. could creating in
 - d. could creation
- 7) five terror attacks in _____ in three different Pakistani cities
 - a. a singular day
 - b. a singles day
 - c. a singled day
 - d. a single day
- 8) intelligence officials say he was _____ planned terror attack in New York
 - a. also bee hind a
 - b. also before a
 - c. also behind a
 - d. also banned a
- 9) Security sources say his death is _____
 - a. a major blow
 - b. a major blew
 - c. a major blown
 - d. a major blows
- 10) The _____ been talking for months
 - a. two sides had
 - b. two scythes had
 - c. two sites had
 - d. two slides had

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131104-taliban.html>

The leader of the Taliban in Pakistan (1) _____ drone attack on Friday. Hakimullah Mehsud was (2) _____ man in Pakistan. He died in the remote Waziristan region of north-western Pakistan. Three (3) _____ in the drone strike. In 2010, the U.S. government said it would pay \$5 million for information about where Mr Mehsud lived. The U.S. wanted (4) _____ attack on one of its (5) _____ Afghanistan in 2009. Seven Americans and a Jordanian died in that attack. The Pakistan government told America that it "strongly condemns the U.S. drone strike". The Taliban said: "We confirm with great [sadness] that our [great] leader (6) _____ drone attack."

Hakimullah Mehsud became leader of the Pakistan Taliban in 2009, following the death of (7) _____ in a drone attack. Mehsud showed how much damage (8) _____ Pakistan soon after he became leader. He was behind five terror attacks in a single day in three different Pakistani cities. Five days later, there (9) _____ attacks in the city of Lahore. American intelligence officials say he was also behind (10) _____ attack in New York's Times Square in 2010. Security sources say his death (11) _____ to the Taliban in Pakistan. It might also (12) _____ peace talks between the Pakistani government and the Taliban. The two sides had been talking for months.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131104-taliban.html>

1. On what day of the week did Hakimullah Mehsud die?

2. Where in Pakistan is Waziristan?

3. What did the USA want for \$5 million?

4. How many people died in an attack on a U.S. military base in 2009?

5. What feelings did the Taliban have about Hakimullah Mehsud's death?

6. When did Hakimullah Mehsud become leader of Pakistan's Taliban?

7. In how many cities did five attacks happen in one day?

8. How many attacks were there in Lahore?

9. Where in the US did officials say Mehsud planned an attack?

10. What had the Taliban and Pakistan government been doing for months?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131104-taliban.html>

1. On what day of the week did Hakimullah Mehsud die?
 - a) Sunday
 - b) Friday
 - c) Monday
 - d) Saturday
2. Where in Pakistan is Waziristan?
 - a) the north west
 - b) the south east
 - c) the north east
 - d) the south west
3. What did the USA want for \$5 million?
 - a) entry to an air base
 - b) a new drone
 - c) thousands of visas
 - d) Hakimullah Mehsud's address
4. How many people died in an attack on a U.S. military base in 2009?
 - a) 7
 - b) 8
 - c) 9
 - d) 10
5. What feelings did the Taliban have about Hakimullah Mehsud's death?
 - a) great sadness
 - b) anger
 - c) numbness
 - d) great frustration
6. When did Hakimullah Mehsud become leader of Pakistan's Taliban?
 - a) 2009
 - b) 2007
 - c) 2011
 - d) 2013
7. In how many cities did five attacks happen in one day?
 - a) 6
 - b) 5
 - c) 4
 - d) 3
8. How many attacks were there in Lahore?
 - a) 1
 - b) 2
 - c) 3
 - d) 4
9. Where in the US did officials say Mehsud planned an attack?
 - a) Paris
 - b) Islamabad
 - c) Kabul
 - d) New York
10. What had the Taliban and Pakistan government been doing for months?
 - a) fighting the Afghanistan Taliban
 - b) talking
 - c) ignoring each other
 - d) nothing

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – President Obama

You think drones are a necessary part of the war on terror. Tell the others three reasons why. You think drones are essential to target Taliban leaders. You will not listen to anyone else. Tell everyone that drones help the security of the whole world.

Role B – Pacifist

You are shocked that the USA is using drones. Tell the others three reasons why. Drones kill innocent people. It is the same as murder. Tell everyone it was a mistake to kill Hakimullah Mehsud. He was talking to Pakistan about peace.

Role C – Taliban Boss

You think the USA made a huge mistake when it killed Hakimullah Mehsud. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell Barack Obama he must leave Pakistan alone. Tell everyone that only Pakistani people can help with Pakistan's problems.

Role D – Pakistan Leader

You are very, very angry with Barack Obama. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell Obama he has no idea about how to bring peace to Pakistan. Ask him why the USA killed Hakimullah Mehsud when he was in talks with the Pakistan government.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131104-taliban.html>

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

major	blow
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- 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">• Friday• wanted• \$5 million• bases• strongly• great	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• following• damage• single• city• sources• sides
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THE TALIBAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Taliban 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.

THE TALIBAN DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Taliban'?
- c) What do the Taliban believe in?
- d) What do you think about the drone strike on Hakimullah Mehsud?
- e) Will Hakimullah Mehsud's death change anything in Pakistan?
- f) How will the Taliban react to Mehsud's death?
- g) Will the attack affect US-Pakistan relations?
- h) Why do so many men join the Taliban?
- i) What do you think of the use of drones to target people?

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THE TALIBAN DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you know about the Taliban?
- c) Will the death of Hakimullah Mehsud make the Taliban stronger?
- d) What's the best way for Pakistan to sort out its problems?
- e) What will Pakistan look like in 20 years from now?
- f) Has the attack on Hakimullah Mehsud damaged peace talks?
- g) Do you think the Taliban will ever be part of Pakistan's government?
- h) Should the United Nations enter Pakistan?
- i) What questions would you like to ask Pakistan's leader?

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

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Hakimullah Mehsud became leader of the Pakistan Taliban in 2009, (7) _____ the death of the (8) _____ leader in a drone attack. Mehsud showed how much damage he could create in Pakistan soon after he became leader. He was behind five terror attacks in a (9) _____ day in three different Pakistani cities. Five days later, there were three different attacks in the city of Lahore. American intelligence officials say he was also (10) _____ a planned terror attack in New York's Times Square in 2010. Security sources say his death is a major (11) _____ to the Taliban in Pakistan. It might also be bad news for peace talks between the Pakistani government and the Taliban. The two (12) _____ had been talking for months.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) wants | (b) wanted | (c) wanting | (d) want |
| 2. | (a) faint | (b) aloof | (c) beyond | (d) remote |
| 3. | (a) striking | (b) strike | (c) struck | (d) stricken |
| 4. | (a) basis | (b) basics | (c) bases | (d) bastes |
| 5. | (a) strongly | (b) strength | (c) strong | (d) strongest |
| 6. | (a) martyred | (b) martyr | (c) martyrs | (d) martyring |
| 7. | (a) accompanying | (b) shadowing | (c) resulting | (d) following |
| 8. | (a) previous | (b) prevails | (c) prevalence | (d) prevents |
| 9. | (a) solitary | (b) single | (c) individual | (d) unwed |
| 10. | (a) before | (b) become | (c) behind | (d) because |
| 11. | (a) gust | (b) puff | (c) blow | (d) sound |
| 12. | (a) angles | (b) sides | (c) corners | (d) shapes |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the remote Waziristan eiognr of north-western Pakistan
2. pay \$5 million for ioforannmit
3. a ledday attack
4. iymiratl bases
5. it "strongly mesodncn the U.S. drone strike"
6. mrdratye in a drone attack

Paragraph 2

7. the death of the viuporse leader
8. how much gamade
9. three reeffnitd Pakistani cities
10. intelligence csfailoif
11. eyriucst sources
12. a aojmr blow

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () sources say his death is a major blow to the Taliban in Pakistan. It might also be bad news for peace
- () bases in Afghanistan in 2009. Seven Americans and a Jordanian died in that attack. The Pakistan
- () for information about where Mr Mehsud lived. The U.S. wanted him for a deadly attack on one of its military
- () Hakimullah Mehsud became leader of the Pakistan Taliban in 2009, following the death
- () of the previous leader in a drone attack. Mehsud showed how much damage he could create in Pakistan soon
- () after he became leader. He was behind five terror attacks in a single day in three different
- () intelligence officials say he was also behind a planned terror attack in New York's Times Square in 2010. Security
- () talks between the Pakistani government and the Taliban. The two sides had been talking for months.
- () wanted man in Pakistan. He died in the remote Waziristan region of north-western Pakistan. Three
- (**1**) The leader of the Taliban in Pakistan was killed in a drone attack on Friday. Hakimullah Mehsud was the most
- () "We confirm with great [sadness] that our [great] leader was martyred in a drone attack."
- () other people died in the drone strike. In 2010, the U.S. government said it would pay \$5 million
- () Pakistani cities. Five days later, there were three different attacks in the city of Lahore. American
- () government told America that it "strongly condemns the U.S. drone strike". The Taliban said:

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. was The the Pakistan of in killed leader Taliban.

2. remote of western The region - Waziristan north Pakistan.

3. in Three the other drone people strike died.

4. on its attack of bases deadly one military A.

5. attack great martyred drone Our was a leader in.

6. create much damage Mehsud he showed could how.

7. He was behind five terror attacks in a single day.

8. also behind a planned terror attack Officials say he was.

9. might bad peace It be for also news talks.

10. two for sides months had been The talking.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131104-taliban.html>

The leader of the Taliban in Pakistan was killed in a drone *attacking / attack* on Friday. Hakimullah Mehsud was the most *wanted / wants* man in Pakistan. He died in the *remote / remotely* Waziristan region of north-western Pakistan. Three other people *dead / died* in the drone strike. In 2010, the U.S. government said it would *payment / pay* \$5 million for information about where Mr Mehsud lived. The U.S. wanted him for a deadly attack on one of its military *basis / bases* in Afghanistan in 2009. Seven Americans and a Jordanian died in *there / that* attack. The Pakistan government told America that it "*strongly / strengthen* condemns the U.S. drone strike". The Taliban said: "We *conform / confirm* with great [sadness] that our [great] leader was *martyred / martyrdom* in a drone attack."

Hakimullah Mehsud became leader of the Pakistan Taliban in 2009, *followed / following* the death of the *previous / previously* leader in a drone attack. Mehsud showed how much *damage / damaging* he could create in Pakistan soon after he became leader. He was *before / behind* five terror attacks in a *single / singles* day in three different Pakistani cities. Five days later, there were three different attacks in the *cities / city* of Lahore. American intelligence officials say he was also behind a *planned / plant* terror attack in New York's Times Square in 2010. Security *sources / sauces* say his death is a major blow to the Taliban in Pakistan. It might also be bad news *from / for* peace talks between the Pakistani government and the Taliban. The two *sides / sidings* had been talking for months.

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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m_ rtyr_ d_ n_ _ dr_ n_ _ tt_ ck."

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d_ m_ g_ h_ c_ ld_ cr_ t_ _ n P_ k_ st_ n s_ n_ ft_ r_ h_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131104-taliban.html>

the leader of the taliban in pakistan was killed in a drone attack on friday hakimullah mehsud was the most wanted man in pakistan he died in the remote waziristan region of north-western pakistan three other people died in the drone strike in 2010 the us government said it would pay \$5 million for information about where mr mehsud lived the us wanted him for a deadly attack on one of its military bases in afghanistan in 2009 seven americans and a jordanian died in that attack the pakistan government told america that it "strongly condemns the us drone strike" the taliban said "we confirm with great [sadness] that our [great] leader was martyred in a drone attack"

hakimullah mehsud became leader of the pakistan taliban in 2009 following the death of the previous leader in a drone attack mehsud showed how much damage he could create in pakistan soon after he became leader he was behind five terror attacks in a single day in three different pakistani cities five days later there were three different attacks in the city of lahore american intelligence officials say he was also behind a planned terror attack in new york's times square in 2010 security sources say his death is a major blow to the taliban in pakistan it might also be bad news for peace talks between the pakistani government and the taliban the two sides had been talking for months

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The leader of the Taliban in Pakistan was killed in a drone attack on Friday. Hakimullah Mehsud was the most wanted man in Pakistan. He died in the remote Waziristan region of north-western Pakistan. Three other people died in the drone strike. In 2010, the U.S. government said it would pay \$5 million for information about where Mr Mehsud lived. The U.S. wanted him for a deadly attack on one of its military bases in Afghanistan in 2009. Seven Americans and a Jordanian died in that attack. The Pakistani government told America that it "strongly condemns the U.S. drone strike". The Taliban said: "We confirm with great [sadness] that our [great] leader was martyred in a drone attack." Hakimullah Mehsud became leader of the Pakistan Taliban in 2009, following the death of the previous leader in a drone attack. Mehsud showed how much damage he could create in Pakistan soon after he became leader. He was behind five terror attacks in a single day in three different Pakistani cities. Five days later, there were three different attacks in the city of Lahore. American intelligence officials say he was also behind a planned terror attack in New York's Times Square in 2010. Security sources say his death is a major blow to the Taliban in Pakistan. It might also be bad news for peace talks between the Pakistani government and the Taliban. The two sides had been talking for months.

FREE WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131104-taliban.html>

Write about **the Taliban** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131104-taliban.html>

The USA should stop using drones to kill people. Discuss.

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 the Taliban. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE TALIBAN: Make a poster about the Taliban. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DRONE ATTACKS: Write a magazine article about drone attacks. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 Pakistan's leader. Ask him three questions about the Taliban. Give him three pieces of advice on what to do from now. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------|--------------------|
| 1. leader | a. head |
| 2. remote | b. far off |
| 3. deadly | c. lethal |
| 4. condemn | d. criticise |
| 5. sadness | e. sorrow |
| 6. previous | f. former |
| 7. behind | g. responsible for |
| 8. single | h. one |
| 9. planned | i. organised |
| 10. blow | j. shock |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Friday
2. In the north west
3. Information about where Hakimullah Mehsud lived
4. Eight
5. Great sadness
6. 2009
7. Five
8. Three
9. Times Square, New York
10. Talking

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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