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Level 5

Drought Leaves Ethiopia Facing Food Crisis

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THE READING

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Charities have given a depressing warning about a humanitarian disaster in Ethiopia. The North African country has its worst drought for 50 years. It is expected that emergency food aid for 10 million Ethiopians will run out unless more money can be found. John Graham from the charity Save the Children said: "The international community has just three weeks to provide \$245 million...to help prevent a potentially catastrophic escalation in severe malnutrition cases." He added that if these emergency funds did not arrive in time, food aid supplies would be badly hit.

Ethiopia is Africa's second most populous country. It has had similar natural disasters before. Famine killed over one million Ethiopians in 1984. The latest drought is because of the El Nino weather phenomenon, which has affected many countries in Africa. Charities say that 400,000 Ethiopian children under the age of five will suffer from severe malnutrition. In addition, 1.7 million children and pregnant women will need treatment. Mr Graham warned that, "the window for action is rapidly closing". He said it takes four months to buy food aid and transport it into Ethiopia.

Sources: <http://geeskaafrika.com/2016/02/10/ethiopia-food-aid-to-run-out-says-charity/>
<http://news.sky.com/story/1639109/drought-leaves-ethiopia-facing-food-crisis>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Charities have given a depressing | a. disaster in Ethiopia |
| 2. a humanitarian | b. three weeks |
| 3. its worst drought | c. badly hit |
| 4. emergency food aid for | d. catastrophic escalation |
| 5. The international community has just | e. aid |
| 6. help prevent a potentially | f. for 50 years |
| 7. food | g. warning |
| 8. supplies would be | h. 10 million Ethiopians |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Ethiopia is Africa's second | a. natural disasters before |
| 2. It has had similar | b. will suffer |
| 3. famine | c. phenomenon |
| 4. the El Nino weather | d. treatment |
| 5. children under the age of five | e. most populous country |
| 6. pregnant women will need | f. and transport it |
| 7. the window for action is | g. killed over one million |
| 8. it takes four months to buy food aid | h. rapidly closing |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Charities (1) _____ depressing warning about a humanitarian disaster in Ethiopia. The North African (2) _____ drought for 50 years. It is expected that emergency food aid for 10 million Ethiopians will (3) _____ more money can be found. John Graham from the charity Save the Children said: "The international community has just three (4) _____ \$245 million...to help (5) _____ catastrophic escalation in severe malnutrition cases." He added that if these emergency funds did not arrive in time, food aid supplies (6) _____.

Ethiopia is Africa's (7) _____ country. It has had similar natural disasters before. Famine killed over one million Ethiopians in 1984. The (8) _____ because of the El Nino weather phenomenon, which (9) _____ many countries in Africa. Charities say that 400,000 Ethiopian children under the age of five (10) _____ severe malnutrition. In addition, 1.7 million children and pregnant women (11) _____. Mr Graham warned that, "the window for action is rapidly closing". He said it takes four months (12) _____ and transport it into Ethiopia.

ETHIOPIA'S DROUGHT SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Ethiopia's drought 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)

