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## **Level 2**

### **Boxing legend Muhammad Ali dies at 74**

**6th June, 2016**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160606-muhammad-ali-2.html>

Muhammad Ali, the world's greatest sporting legend, died on Friday, aged 74. He was in hospital in Phoenix, Arizona with breathing problems. His children flew to be with their father for his final days. Many people say Ali is the best boxer in history. He was the world heavyweight champion three times. His nickname is 'The Greatest'. People believe he was the greatest because of what he did outside the boxing ring. He was a civil rights hero and opponent of the Vietnam War. He was also an ambassador for world peace for five decades, and he worked tirelessly for charities.

World leaders and sporting figures have paid tribute to Ali. One said: "Ali transformed this country and impacted the world with his spirit. His legacy will be part of our history for all time." The U.N. Secretary-General said Ali fought for a better world, "and used his platform to lift up humanity". The daughter of Martin Luther King wrote: "You were a champion in so many ways." Ali once said: "I would like to be remembered as a man who won the heavyweight title three times, who was humorous and who treated everyone right [and] tried to unite all humankind through faith and love."

Sources: [http://espn.go.com/boxing/story/\\_/id/15939933/muhammad-ali-dies-74](http://espn.go.com/boxing/story/_/id/15939933/muhammad-ali-dies-74)  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160606-muhammad-ali-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. the world's greatest         | a. peace                    |
| 2. His children flew to         | b. champion three times     |
| 3. He was the world heavyweight | c. the boxing ring          |
| 4. His nickname                 | d. tirelessly for charities |
| 5. what he did outside          | e. be with their father     |
| 6. a civil                      | f. sporting legend          |
| 7. an ambassador for world      | g. rights hero              |
| 8. he worked                    | h. is 'The Greatest'        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. World leaders and              | a. with his spirit      |
| 2. paid tribute                   | b. General              |
| 3. impacted the world             | c. so many ways         |
| 4. His legacy will be part of our | d. to Ali               |
| 5. The U.N. Secretary-            | e. faith and love       |
| 6. a champion in                  | f. title three times    |
| 7. a man who won the heavyweight  | g. sporting figures     |
| 8. unite all humankind through    | h. history for all time |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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World leaders and sporting figures (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to Ali. One said: "Ali transformed this country (8) \_\_\_\_\_ world with his spirit. His (9) \_\_\_\_\_ part of our history for all time." The U.N. Secretary-General said Ali fought for a better world, "and used his platform to (10) \_\_\_\_\_". The daughter of Martin Luther King wrote: "You were a champion in so many ways." Ali once said: "I would like to be remembered as a man who won the heavyweight (11) \_\_\_\_\_, who was humorous and who treated everyone right [and] tried to unite all humankind (12) \_\_\_\_\_ love."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MUHAMMAD ALI SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160606-muhammad-ali-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Muhammad Ali 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) \_\_\_\_\_

