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Level 2

Japan Prime Minister visits Pearl Harbor

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THE READING

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Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Japan's surprise attack on the base in 1941 led to the USA joining World War II. Mr Abe did not apologize for the attack. He said: "The people of the USA and the people around the world, as the Prime Minister of Japan, I offer my sincere and everlasting condolences to the souls of those who lost their lives here." Mr Abe also said: "We must never repeat the horrors of war again. This is the serious vow the people of Japan have taken." President Obama welcomed Mr Abe, "in the spirit of friendship".

A total of 353 Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor, killing 2,403 US personnel. The attack also damaged or destroyed 19 US warships. Mr Abe is the first Japanese leader for decades to visit Pearl Harbor and the first to visit a special memorial there. He spoke about the US role in rebuilding Japan after WWII. He said after the war, "Japan was a nation in burnt-out ruins as far as the eye could see, suffering miserable poverty" and the USA sent food to eat and clothes to wear. He added that the friendship between the USA and Japan was an "alliance of hope".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the U.S. naval | a. of Japan have taken |
| 2. Japan's surprise attack | b. base at Pearl Harbor |
| 3. Mr Abe did not apologize | c. who lost their lives |
| 4. I offer my sincere and everlasting | d. of friendship |
| 5. the souls of those | e. on the base |
| 6. We must never repeat the | f. for the attack |
| 7. the serious vow the people | g. horrors of war |
| 8. in the spirit | h. condolences |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A total of | a. for decades to visit |
| 2. killing 2,403 | b. US warships |
| 3. damaged or destroyed 19 | c. rebuilding Japan |
| 4. the first Japanese leader | d. out ruins |
| 5. the first to visit a special | e. 353 Japanese planes |
| 6. the US role in | f. poverty |
| 7. Japan was a nation in burnt- | g. US personnel |
| 8. suffering miserable | h. memorial |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (1) _____ naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Japan's (2) _____ the base in 1941 led to the USA joining World War II. Mr Abe did not (3) _____ the attack. He said: "The people of the USA and the people around the world, as the Prime Minister of Japan, I (4) _____ and everlasting condolences to the souls of those who lost their lives here." Mr Abe also said: "We (5) _____ the horrors of war again. This is the serious vow the people of Japan have taken." President Obama welcomed Mr Abe, "(6) _____ friendship".

A total of 353 Japanese (7) _____ Pearl Harbor, killing 2,403 US personnel. The attack (8) _____ destroyed 19 US warships. Mr Abe is the first Japanese leader for decades to visit Pearl Harbor (9) _____ visit a special memorial there. He spoke about the US role in rebuilding Japan after WWII. He (10) _____, "Japan was a nation in burnt-out ruins as far as the eye could see, suffering (11) _____" and the USA sent food to eat and clothes to wear. He added that the friendship between the USA and Japan was (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PEARL HARBOR SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Pearl Harbor 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) _____

