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Malaysia to have 92-year-old leader

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THE READING

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Malaysia's ex-leader Mahathir Mohamad made a remarkable political comeback to end the six-decade rule of the BN party. Mr Mahathir, 92, will soon be sworn in as Malaysia's next prime minister. He will be the world's oldest elected leader. Mahathir was Malaysia's prime minister from 1981 to 2003. Then, he was leader of the BN party, which came to power in 1957 after Malaysia's independence from Britain. He helped his country's economic success and made Malaysia an "Asian tiger". However, he was accused of being too strong and of using security laws to put his opponents in jail.

Official results show Mahathir's party won 113 seats. This will form a simple majority in Malaysia's 222-seat parliament. Mahathir came out of retirement to join the opposition party. It was a bitterly-contested election race. He beat his former protégé Najib Razak. Mr Najib was accused of corruption in a multi-billion-dollar scandal. Mahathir said he wanted to put Malaysia back on the right track and "restore the rule of law." When reporters asked about his age, he joked that his new cabinet would be, "a gathering of men and women, including a young person".

Sources: <http://www.scmp.com/week-asia/politics/article/2145438/malaysias-strongman-mahathir-mohamad-back-power-he-ends-barisan>
<http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2018/05/10/malaysia-looks-to-new-political-dawn/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. made a remarkable political | a. strong |
| 2. end the six- | b. power in 1957 |
| 3. prime minister | c. from Britain |
| 4. came to | d. in jail |
| 5. Malaysia's independence | e. comeback |
| 6. He helped his country's economic | f. from 1981 to 2003 |
| 7. accused of being too | g. decade rule |
| 8. put his opponents | h. success |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mahathir's party won 113 | a. protégé |
| 2. This will form a simple | b. of retirement |
| 3. Malaysia's 222- | c. party |
| 4. Mahathir came out | d. majority |
| 5. join the opposition | e. rule of law |
| 6. It was a bitterly- | f. seats |
| 7. He beat his former | g. contested election |
| 8. restore the | h. seat parliament |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Official results show Mahathir's party won 113 seats. This will (7) _____ majority in Malaysia's 222-seat parliament. Mahathir came (8) _____ to join the opposition party. It was a bitterly-contested election race. He (9) _____ protégé Najib Razak. Mr Najib was (10) _____ in a multi-billion-dollar scandal. Mahathir said he wanted to put Malaysia back on the right track and "(11) _____ of law." When reporters asked about his age, he joked that (12) _____ would be, "a gathering of men and women, including a young person".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LEADERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about leaders 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) _____

