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Level 4 – 25th August, 2018

Australian Muslims pray for rain during Eid

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Thousands of Muslims in Australia prayed for rain for farmers who are suffering in droughts. They prayed during the Muslim festival Eid al-Adha - one of Islam's holiest festivals. Muslims celebrate by sharing food with family, neighbours, the poor and needy. Over 30,000 Muslims gathered at one mosque in Sydney. An imam at the mosque said: "God will send down rainfall. It is our duty to help Australians, especially the farmers."

Australia's drought is the worst in living memory. The whole of one state is in drought. A farmers' spokeswoman said farmers appreciated the support and thoughts of the Muslim community. She said: "I think it really touched the heart of our farmers during this period. Every little bit helps." Australia recently promised \$1.3 billion in relief funds to help farmers. When the hot summer arrives in Australia, things could get worse.

Sources: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-08-22/muslim-rain-prayer-call-to-end-the-drought-for-farmers/10152076>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-australia-45267434>
<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/muslim-australians-pray-for-drought-breaking-rain-during-eid-celebrations>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. farmers who are suffering | a. at the mosque |
| 2. one of Islam's holiest | b. to help |
| 3. the poor and | c. in droughts |
| 4. 30,000 Muslims gathered | d. farmers |
| 5. An imam | e. needy |
| 6. God will send down | f. at one mosque |
| 7. It is our duty | g. festivals |
| 8. especially the | h. rainfall |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. the worst in living | a. worse |
| 2. The whole of one state | b. community |
| 3. farmers appreciated | c. the heart |
| 4. thoughts of the Muslim | d. is in drought |
| 5. t really touched | e. funds |
| 6. Every little bit | f. memory |
| 7. \$1.3 billion in relief | g. helps |
| 8. things could get | h. the support |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Thousands of Muslims in Australia (1) _____ for farmers who are suffering in droughts. They (2) _____ Muslim festival Eid al-Adha - one of Islam's holiest festivals. Muslims (3) _____ food with family, neighbours, the (4) _____. Over 30,000 Muslims (5) _____ mosque in Sydney. An imam at the mosque said: "God will (6) _____. It is our duty to help Australians, especially the farmers."

Australia's drought is the worst (7) _____. The whole of one state (8) _____. A farmers' spokeswoman said farmers appreciated the (9) _____ of the Muslim community. She said: "I think it really touched the heart of our farmers (10) _____. Every little bit helps." Australia recently promised \$1.3 billion (11) _____ to help farmers. When the hot summer arrives in Australia, things (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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nrainfall.ItisourdutytohelpAustralians,especiallythefarmers."Austr
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summerarrivesinAustralia,thingscouldgetworse.

PRAYER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about prayer 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) _____

