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Level 1 – 23rd April, 2019

At least 207 die in Sri Lanka blasts

NOTE: At the time of upload, the death toll was 310.

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Over 207 people died in suicide bombings in Sri Lanka. There were eight bombs in churches and hotels. Bombers attacked three churches where there were religious services for Easter, one of the biggest events in the Christian calendar. Three luxury hotels were also hit. There is now a curfew in the country. People must be alert and report anything suspicious. The government has blocked social media sites. Police have arrested seven suspects.

World leaders spoke about the attacks. Pope Francis said: "I pray for the injured and all those who are suffering." The Catholic Church said it was a sad situation. It said: "We never expected such a thing to happen...on Easter Sunday." Donald Trump said the USA is ready to help "the great people of Sri Lanka". Turkey said the bombs were "an assault on all of humanity". Sri Lanka's president is worried the violence could lead to instability in his country.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-48001720>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. people died in | a. biggest events |
| 2. there were religious | b. social media sites |
| 3. one of the | c. in the country |
| 4. Three luxury hotels | d. seven suspects |
| 5. There is now a curfew | e. services for Easter |
| 6. be alert and report | f. were also hit |
| 7. The government has blocked | g. suicide bombings |
| 8. Police have arrested | h. anything suspicious |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. World leaders spoke about | a. are suffering |
| 2. I pray | b. is worried |
| 3. all those who | c. to help |
| 4. We never expected such | d. to instability |
| 5. the USA is ready | e. of humanity |
| 6. an assault on all | f. the attacks |
| 7. Sri Lanka's president | g. a thing to happen |
| 8. could lead | h. for the injured |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Over 207 (1) _____ suicide bombings in Sri Lanka. There were (2) _____ churches and hotels. Bombers attacked three (3) _____ were religious services for Easter, one of the biggest events in the Christian calendar. Three (4) _____ also hit. There is now a curfew in the country. People must be alert and (5) _____. The government has blocked social media sites. Police have (6) _____.

World leaders (7) _____ attacks. Pope Francis said: "I pray for the (8) _____ those who are suffering." The Catholic Church said it was a sad situation. It said: "We never expected (9) _____ to happen...on Easter Sunday." Donald Trump said the USA is (10) _____ "the great people of Sri Lanka". Turkey said the bombs were "an assault (11) _____ humanity". Sri Lanka's president is worried the violence could lead to instability (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TERRORISM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about terrorism 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **terrorism** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
