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Level 2 – 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, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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At least 207 people died in explosions in Sri Lanka. Suicide bombers were responsible for the bombings. The blasts were in churches and hotels across the country. Bombers attacked three churches where people were attending religious services for Easter, one of the biggest events in the Christian calendar. Three luxury hotels were also hit. Sri Lanka has imposed a curfew on the country. People must be alert and report anything suspicious. The government has blocked social media sites to stop the spread of misinformation. Police have arrested seven suspects.

World leaders condemned the attacks. Pope Francis said: "I pray for the injured and all those who are suffering [in] this dramatic event." The Catholic Church in Sri Lanka said: "It's a very difficult and a very sad situation for all of us. We never expected such a thing to happen...on Easter Sunday." Donald Trump tweeted: "The U.S. offers heartfelt condolences to the great people of Sri Lanka. We [are] ready to help." Turkey called the blasts "an assault on all of humanity". Sri Lanka's president is worried that the violence could create 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. suicide | a. seven suspects |
| 2. The blasts | b. suspicious |
| 3. attending religious | c. were in churches |
| 4. Sri Lanka has imposed | d. services |
| 5. report anything | e. of misinformation |
| 6. blocked social | f. a curfew |
| 7. stop the spread | g. media sites |
| 8. Police have arrested | h. bombers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. World leaders condemned | a. of humanity |
| 2. I pray | b. the attacks |
| 3. all those who are | c. in his country |
| 4. a very difficult and a very sad | d. thing to happen |
| 5. We never expected such a | e. suffering |
| 6. The U.S. offers heartfelt | f. for the injured |
| 7. an assault on all | g. condolences |
| 8. create instability | h. situation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts-2.html>

At least 207 people (1) _____ in Sri Lanka. Suicide bombers were responsible (2) _____. The blasts were in churches and hotels across the country. Bombers attacked three churches where people (3) _____ services for Easter, one of the biggest events in the Christian calendar. Three (4) _____ also hit. Sri Lanka has imposed a curfew on the country. People must be (5) _____ anything suspicious. The government has blocked social media sites to stop (6) _____ misinformation. Police have arrested seven suspects.

World leaders condemned the attacks. Pope Francis said: "I (7) _____ injured and all those who are suffering [in] (8) _____." The Catholic Church in Sri Lanka said: "It's a very difficult and a very sad situation (9) _____ us. We never expected such a thing to happen...on Easter Sunday." Donald Trump tweeted: "The U.S. offers heartfelt condolences (10) _____ people of Sri Lanka. We [are] ready to help." Turkey called the blasts "an assault on (11) _____". Sri Lanka's president is worried that the violence could create (12) _____ country.

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) _____

