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Level 4 – 11th August, 2019

Lebanon newspaper publishes 'no news' protest edition

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THE READING

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Lebanon's English-language newspaper was published on Thursday without any news. It had largely blank pages. The front page simply said "Lebanon". The inside pages had headlines about the country's problems. The back page had a photo of a cedar tree with the caption: "Wake up before it's too late." The newspaper said it had, "refrained from publishing news articles" to protest against the country's worsening economy and political situation.

Speaking about the protest, the editor-in-chief said: "The aim is to ring the alarm bells about all the challenges that our country is facing." She called on "politicians and everyone to pull together". Some of the headlines in the paper highlighted a government deadlock, pollution, public debt, unemployment and illegal weapons flooding the country. The editor-in-chief said: "It's enough that people take notice of these problems and think."

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/08/lebanon-daily-star-publishes-edition-protest-national-crisis-190808095602980.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. published | a. page |
| 2. It had largely | b. news articles |
| 3. The front | c. blank pages |
| 4. The inside pages had | d. economy |
| 5. a photo of a cedar | e. on Thursday |
| 6. Wake up before | f. tree |
| 7. refrained from publishing | g. headlines |
| 8. the country's worsening | h. it's too late |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the editor- | a. together |
| 2. The aim is to ring the | b. weapons |
| 3. challenges that our | c. alarm bells |
| 4. everyone to pull | d. of these problems |
| 5. Some of the headlines | e. the country |
| 6. illegal | f. in-chief |
| 7. flooding | g. in the paper |
| 8. take notice | h. country is facing |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Lebanon's English-language newspaper (1) _____ Thursday without any news. It (2) _____ pages. The front page simply said "Lebanon". The inside (3) _____ about the country's problems. The (4) _____ a photo of a cedar tree with the caption: "Wake up (5) _____ late." The newspaper said it had, "refrained from publishing news articles" to protest against the country's (6) _____ political situation.

Speaking (7) _____, the editor-in-chief said: "The aim is to ring the alarm bells about (8) _____ that our country is facing." She called on "politicians and everyone (9) _____".

Some of the headlines in the (10) _____ government deadlock, pollution, public debt, unemployment (11) _____ flooding the country. The editor-in-chief said: "It's enough that people take notice of (12) _____ think."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NEWSPAPERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about newspapers 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) _____

