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Level 1 – 14th October, 2021

G20 leaders agree to help Afghanistan

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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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The G20 is 19 countries plus the European Union. It has met to talk about Afghanistan. It promised to help Afghanistan's economy, which has almost collapsed since the Taliban took over in August. Germany's leader said if Afghanistan's economy collapsed, no one could give aid to the country. She added: "To look on as 40 million people [slip] into chaos because there's no financial system must not be the goal of the international community."

The G20 will talk to the Taliban about humanitarian aid. Italy's prime minister said: "It is very hard to see how you can help people in Afghanistan without...the Taliban." The EU, IMF and World Bank will increase the aid they give to Afghanistan. The Taliban said: "The international community needs to start cooperating with us." It said any aid would help to stop insecurity in the country, and that it would help the Taliban to "engage positively with the world".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. It has met to talk | a. collapsed |
| 2. help Afghanistan's | b. system |
| 3. since the Taliban | c. about Afghanistan |
| 4. if Afghanistan's economy | d. community |
| 5. no one could give aid | e. chaos |
| 6. slip into | f. economy |
| 7. financial | g. to the country |
| 8. the goal of the international | h. took over |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The G20 will talk to | a. help the Taliban |
| 2. humanitarian | b. give |
| 3. It is very hard | c. with the world |
| 4. you can help people | d. us |
| 5. increase the aid they | e. the Taliban |
| 6. start cooperating with | f. aid |
| 7. it would | g. in Afghanistan |
| 8. engage positively | h. to see |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211014-g20-leaders-1.html>

The G20 is (1) _____ the European Union. It has met to talk about Afghanistan. It (2) _____ Afghanistan's economy, which has (3) _____ the Taliban took over in August. Germany's leader said if Afghanistan's economy collapsed, no one could (4) _____ the country. She added: "To look on as 40 million people (5) _____ because there's no financial system must not be (6) _____ the international community."

The G20 (7) _____ the Taliban about humanitarian aid. Italy's prime minister said: "It is (8) _____ see how you can (9) _____ Afghanistan without...the Taliban." The EU, IMF and World Bank will (10) _____ they give to Afghanistan. The Taliban said: "The international community (11) _____ cooperating with us." It said any aid would help to stop insecurity in the country, and that it would help the Taliban to "engage positively (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AFGHANISTAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Afghanistan 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) _____

