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THE ARTICLE

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Bin Laden was shot and killed by U.S. special forces in a raid on his hideout mansion north of Islamabad, Pakistan. Biometric measurements were taken of his face and DNA tests were done to make sure it was America's most wanted man. His body was buried at sea soon after he was shot. Within hours of U.S. President Barack Obama announcing Bin Laden's death, a fake photo emerged in the world's press of his face. Even though it was clearly created in a photo editing programme, many newspapers put it on their front cover, believing it to be real. The CIA wants the real image of Bin Laden's body to be published to help convince those who doubt his death. There are already many conspiracy theories popping up that say Bin Laden isn't really dead.

WARM-UPS

1. BIN LADEN: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Osama Bin Laden. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

CIA / postmortem / released / bottom line / reveal / the White House / too gruesome / special forces / raid / DNA tests / fake photos / photo editing software / conspiracy

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. WAR ON TERROR: How can we end it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

End it...	Ideas how	Problems with those ideas
using the Internet		
with financial aid		
militarily		
using embargos		
via education		
via intercultural understanding		

4. RIGHT OR WRONG? Students A **strongly** believe it is right to release the photo of Osama Bin Laden's dead body; Students B **strongly** believe it's wrong. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. I KNOW MOST ABOUT...: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the one you know most about at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- 9/11
- Madrid bombings
- Bali
- Marrakesh
- US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania
- London bombings
- Jakarta hotel bombing
- Attack on the USS Cole

6. PHOTO: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'photo'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

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BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1105/110504-bin_laden_photo.html

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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|--|-------|
| a. The CIA said it would only release photos of Bin Laden before he died. | T / F |
| b. The White House will let the CIA to decide when to release the photo. | T / F |
| c. The White House has no doubts the photo will be released. | T / F |
| d. A White House spokesman suggested the photo may be too graphic. | T / F |
| e. Special forces measured Bin Laden's face before burying him. | T / F |
| f. The writer is not sure if a photo of Bin Laden was real or not. | T / F |
| g. The CIA thinks a photo of Bin Laden's death will help end speculation. | T / F |
| h. No one has put forward suggestions that the U.S. didn't kill Bin Laden. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. release | a. appeared |
| 2. chief | b. attack |
| 3. reveal | c. grisly |
| 4. obviously | d. show |
| 5. gruesome | e. disbelieve |
| 6. raid | f. issue |
| 7. announcing | g. boss |
| 8. emerged | h. declaring |
| 9. convince | i. clearly |
| 10. doubt | j. persuade |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a postmortem | a. rest of the world |
| 2. The bottom | b. measurements |
| 3. we have to reveal to the | c. "gruesome" to release |
| 4. I don't think there's | d. photo |
| 5. the photograph may be too | e. theories |
| 6. Biometric | f. in the world's press |
| 7. America's most | g. any question |
| 8. a fake photo emerged | h. doubt his death |
| 9. convince those who | i. line is ... |
| 10. conspiracy | j. wanted man |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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decide

able

announced

photo

ultimately

best

line

gruesome

Bin Laden was shot and killed by U.S. special forces in a (9) _____ on his hideout mansion north of Islamabad, Pakistan. Biometric measurements were (10) _____ of his face and DNA tests were done to make sure it was America's most (11) _____ man. His body was buried at sea soon after he was shot. Within hours of U.S. President Barack Obama announcing Bin Laden's death, a (12) _____ photo emerged in the world's press of his face. Even though it was (13) _____ created in a photo editing programme, many newspapers put it on their front cover, (14) _____ it to be real. The CIA wants the real image of Bin Laden's body to be published to help (15) _____ those who doubt his death. There are already many conspiracy theories (16) _____ up that say Bin Laden isn't really dead.

believing

clearly

taken

popping

wanted

raid

convince

fake

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'conspiracy' and 'theory'.

conspiracy	theory

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• announced• future• bottom• fact• question• gruesome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• forces• tests• sea• fake• front• popping
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STUDENT OSAMA BIN LADEN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Osama Bin Laden 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.

OSAMA BIN LADEN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the name 'Osama Bin Laden'?
- c) Do you think the photo should be released?
- d) Do you think it was necessary to kill Bin Laden?
- e) What do you think of the reporting of his death in the press?
- f) How do you think his death will affect the war on terror?
- g) Should the photo be released if there's a chance it'll create more violence?
- h) How did you feel when you heard the news of Bin Laden's death?
- i) Should the photo be released if it's "too gruesome"?
- j) Do you want to see the photo?

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OSAMA BIN LADEN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) How do you think it's possible that Bin Laden hid near Islamabad for so long?
- c) How risky was the move to raid Bin Laden's hideout?
- d) How much do you think the Pakistani authorities and military knew about the raid?
- e) Why do you think so many papers put the fake Bin Laden photo on their front covers?
- f) Do you think it's possible that Bin Laden isn't dead?
- g) What conspiracy theories have you heard about Bin Laden's death?
- h) What three adjectives would you use to describe this story (and why)?
- i) What do you think will happen to Al Qaeda now?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the head of the CIA?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) let go | (b) release | (c) free | (d) announce |
| 2. | (a) sum | (b) same | (c) some | (d) sometimes |
| 3. | (a) bottom | (b) top | (c) right | (d) left |
| 4. | (a) all | (b) remain | (c) entire | (d) rest |
| 5. | (a) ultimatum | (b) ultimate | (c) ultimately | (d) untimely |
| 6. | (a) gruesome | (b) designated | (c) except | (d) submitted |
| 7. | (a) ride | (b) rid | (c) radical | (d) raid |
| 8. | (a) Biology | (b) Biometric | (c) Bionic | (d) Biochemist |
| 9. | (a) baby | (b) edited | (c) doubt | (d) fake |
| 10. | (a) clarity | (b) clearness | (c) clearly | (d) clear |
| 11. | (a) sure | (b) convince | (c) truthfully | (d) mind |
| 12. | (a) up | (b) down | (c) in | (d) out |

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WRITING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1105/110504-bin_laden_photo.html

Write about **Osama Bin Laden** for 10 minutes. Correct your partner's paper.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about the issue surrounding the release of Osama Bin Laden's postmortem photo. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TERROR: Make a poster about the war on terror. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CONSPIRACY THEORIES: Write a magazine article about the different conspiracy theories emerging over the death of Osama Bin Laden. Include imaginary interviews with people who know he is dead and those who believe he isn't.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. LETTER: Write a letter to U.S. President Barack Obama Ask him three questions about Osama Bin Laden's death. Give him three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. F c. T d. T e. T f. F g. T h. F

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 5. gruesome | e. grisly |
| 6. raid | f. attack |
| 7. announcing | g. declaring |
| 8. emerged | h. appeared |
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PHRASE MATCH:

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| 3. we have to reveal to the | c. rest of the world |
| 4. I don't think there's | d. any question |
| 5. the photograph may be too | e. "gruesome" to release |
| 6. Biometric | f. measurements |
| 7. America's most | g. wanted man |
| 8. a fake photo emerged | h. in the world's press |
| 9. convince those who | i. doubt his death |
| 10. conspiracy | j. theories |

GAP FILL:

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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - b 2 - c 3 - a 4 - d 5 - c 6 - a 7 - d 8 - b 9 - d 10 - c 11 - b 12 - a

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