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Israel and Hamas declare 72-hour truce

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THE READING

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Israel and Hamas started a 72-hour ceasefire on Friday. The pause in hostilities was the work of the United Nations and the USA. The truce will let Gazans restock on food and medicines. They also need to repair power stations destroyed in the fighting. Israelis and Palestinians will also meet in Egypt to talk about a permanent truce. They will talk about resolving the big differences that have caused unrest for decades.

Hamas said it would follow the ceasefire. It said the situation of Palestinians made all "resistance factions" agree to "mutual calm". He said Israel must also follow it. On Thursday, the Israeli Prime Minister said his country would continue to destroy tunnels under the Gaza-Israel border. The USA called the ceasefire "precious time". They said it was an important "moment" for the Palestinians and Israel to come together and talk.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/28596609>
<http://www.jpost.com/Operation-Protective-Edge/Hamas-agrees-to-72-hour-truce-announced-by-the-US-and-UN-369675>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. started a 72- | a. truce |
| 2. The pause in | b. for decades |
| 3. repair power stations | c. differences |
| 4. talk about a permanent | d. hour ceasefire |
| 5. resolving the big | e. destroyed in the fighting |
| 6. caused unrest | f. hostilities |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Hamas said it would | a. calm |
| 2. resistance | b. "precious time" |
| 3. mutual | c. and talk |
| 4. tunnels under the | d. follow the ceasefire |
| 5. The USA called the ceasefire | e. Gaza-Israel border |
| 6. come together | f. factions |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Israel and Hamas started a 72-(1) _____ Friday. The pause in hostilities (2) _____ United Nations and the USA. The truce will let Gazans restock (3) _____. They also need to repair power stations (4) _____. Israelis and Palestinians will also meet in Egypt to talk about (5) _____. They will talk about resolving the big differences that (6) _____ for decades.

Hamas said it would (7) _____. It said the situation of Palestinians made all "resistance factions" agree (8) _____. He said Israel (9) _____. On Thursday, the Israeli Prime Minister said his country would continue to (10) _____ the Gaza-Israel border. The USA called the ceasefire "precious time". They said it was (11) _____ for the Palestinians and Israel to (12) _____ talk.

GAZA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Gaza 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

FREE WRITING

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Write about **Gaza** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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