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Israel and Hamas declare 72-hour truce

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THE READING

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Israel and the Palestinian group Hamas started a 72-hour ceasefire on Friday. The pause in hostilities was the work of America's Secretary of State John Kerry and the U.N. Secretary-General Ban-ki Moon. The truce will give Gazans time to restock on food and medicines. They also need to repair power stations which are out of action because of the fighting. Israelis and Palestinians will also meet in Egypt to talk about the possibility of a permanent truce. They will talk about resolving the big differences that have caused unrest for decades.

Hamas said it would abide by the ceasefire. Its spokesman said the United Nations call and the situation of Palestinians caused all "resistance factions" to agree to "mutual calm". He added that Israel must also abide by it. He said: "All the Palestinian factions are united behind the issue." On Thursday, the Israeli Prime Minister said his country would continue to destroy the tunnels under the Gaza-Israel border. John Kerry called the ceasefire "precious time." He said: "It is a moment for the different factions to be able to come together with the state of Israel."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/28596609>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Israel and the Palestinian | a. to restock on food |
| 2. The pause | b. group Hamas |
| 3. The truce will give Gazans time | c. truce |
| 4. They also need to repair | d. also meet in Egypt |
| 5. out of action because | e. unrest for decades |
| 6. Israelis and Palestinians will | f. of the fighting |
| 7. possibility of a permanent | g. in hostilities |
| 8. differences that have caused | h. power stations |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hamas said it would abide | a. factions |
| 2. the situation | b. Gaza-Israel border |
| 3. resistance | c. by the ceasefire |
| 4. mutual | d. the tunnels |
| 5. united behind | e. together |
| 6. continue to destroy | f. of Palestinians |
| 7. under the | g. the issue |
| 8. be able to come | h. calm |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Israel and the Palestinian group Hamas (1) _____ ceasefire on Friday. The pause in (2) _____ work of America's Secretary of State John Kerry and the U.N. Secretary-General Ban-ki Moon. The truce will give Gazans time to (3) _____ and medicines. They also (4) _____ stations which are out of action because of the fighting. Israelis and Palestinians will also meet in Egypt to talk about the possibility (5) _____. They will talk about resolving the big differences that have caused (6) _____.

Hamas said it would (7) _____. Its spokesman said the United Nations (8) _____ of Palestinians caused all "resistance factions" to (9) _____. He added that Israel must also abide by it. He said: "All the Palestinian (10) _____ behind the issue." On Thursday, the Israeli Prime Minister said his country would continue to (11) _____ under the Gaza-Israel border. John Kerry called the ceasefire "precious time." He said: "It is a moment for the different factions to be (12) _____ with the state of Israel."

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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