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## Level 6

# Israel and Hamas declare 72-hour truce

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

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Hamas said it would abide by the pause in fighting. Its spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said: "Acknowledging a call by the United Nations and in consideration of the situation of our people, resistance factions agreed to a 72-hour humanitarian and mutual calm...as long as the other side abides by it." He added: "All the Palestinian factions are united behind the issue." The day before the ceasefire was announced, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country would continue to destroy the tunnels that have been dug 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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# WARM-UPS

**1. GAZA:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Gaza. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*Israel / Hamas / ceasefire / hostilities / basic supplies / power stations / differences / pause / United Nations / resistance / calm / issue / tunnels / precious / moment*

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

**3. PEACE:** What can these parties do to bring about peace? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Possible actions	Will they?	Why (not)?
Hamas			
Israel			
USA			
United Nations			
Egypt			
Palestinian Authority			

**4. TWO STATES:** Students A **strongly** believe Israel and a Palestinian state will coexist in our lifetime; Students B **strongly** believe this will not happen. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. FIGHTING:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "fighting". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Israel and Hamas started a 3-day ceasefire on Friday morning.          | T / F |
| b. The truce was engineered by the leaders of Israel and Hamas.           | T / F |
| c. The two sides will meet in Egypt to talk about a permanent ceasefire.  | T / F |
| d. The sides will only discuss the issue of tunnels when they meet.       | T / F |
| e. Hamas said it doubted if Israel would abide by the ceasefire.          | T / F |
| f. Hamas said all Palestinian groups supported the truce.                 | T / F |
| g. Israel said it would stop destroying the tunnels during the ceasefire. | T / F |
| h. John Kerry called the ceasefire a "precious moment".                   | T / F |

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

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. state       | a. groups       |
| 2. hostilities | b. key          |
| 3. basic       | c. settling     |
| 4. permanent   | d. demolish     |
| 5. resolving   | e. lasting      |
| 6. pause       | f. little while |
| 7. call        | g. nation       |
| 8. factions    | h. request      |
| 9. destroy     | i. fighting     |
| 10. moment     | j. cessation    |

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

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. halt in                              | a. action                 |
| 2. put out of                           | b. for decades            |
| 3. the possibility of a permanent truce | c. of our people          |
| 4. talk about resolving the underlying  | d. calm                   |
| 5. caused unrest                        | e. between the two sides  |
| 6. abide by the pause                   | f. hostilities            |
| 7. in consideration of the situation    | g. the Gaza-Israel border |
| 8. mutual                               | h. differences            |
| 9. tunnels that have been dug under     | i. together               |
| 10. be able to come                     | j. in fighting            |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel and the Palestinian group Hamas started a 72-hour ceasefire on Friday morning. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in hostilities was engineered by America's Secretary of State John Kerry and the U.N. Secretary-General Ban-ki Moon. The humanitarian truce will give Palestinians time to restock on (3) \_\_\_\_\_ supplies such as food and medicines. They also need to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ power stations which have been (5) \_\_\_\_\_ out of action during the fighting of the past three weeks. Israelis and Palestinians are also to meet in Cairo, Egypt to talk about the possibility of a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ truce between the two sides. They will talk about (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the underlying differences that have caused unrest for (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*permanent*  
*basic*  
*resolving*  
*state*  
*decades*  
*repair*  
*halt*  
*put*

Hamas said it would abide by the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in fighting. Its spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said: "Acknowledging a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ by the United Nations and in consideration of the situation of our people, resistance factions agreed to a 72-hour humanitarian and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ calm...as long as the other side (12) \_\_\_\_\_ by it." He added: "All the Palestinian factions are united behind the (13) \_\_\_\_\_." The day before the ceasefire was announced, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country would continue to destroy the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ that have been dug under the Gaza-Israel (15) \_\_\_\_\_. John Kerry called the ceasefire "(16) \_\_\_\_\_ time". He said: "It is a moment for the different factions to be able to come together with the state of Israel."

*border*  
*issue*  
*call*  
*precious*  
*abides*  
*pause*  
*tunnels*  
*mutual*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

- 1) The state of Israel and the Palestinian group Hamas started a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 72-hour cease in fire
  - b. 72-hour ceased fire
  - c. 72-hour cease fires
  - d. 72-hour ceasefire
- 2) The humanitarian truce will give Palestinians time to restock \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on basics supplies
  - b. on basic supplies
  - c. on basically supplies
  - d. on bay sick supplies
- 3) repair power stations which have been put out of action \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. during the fight in
  - b. during the fire tin
  - c. during the fighting
  - d. during the fighting in
- 4) talk about the possibility of a permanent truce between \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the two slides
  - b. the two sites
  - c. the two sides
  - d. the two sights
- 5) resolving the underlying differences that have caused \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. unrest for decadence
  - b. unrest for decades
  - c. unrest for decays
  - d. unrest for deck aids
- 6) Hamas said it would abide by the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pauses in fighting
  - b. pause in fighting
  - c. paused in fighting
  - d. paws in fighting
- 7) resistance factions agreed to a 72-hour humanitarian \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and mutually calm
  - b. and mutual clam
  - c. and mutually clam
  - d. and mutual calm
- 8) All the Palestinian factions are united \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. beyond the issue
  - b. beneath the issue
  - c. behind the issue
  - d. before the issue
- 9) Netanyahu said his country would continue to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. destroys the tunnel
  - b. destroy the tunnel
  - c. destroys the tunnels
  - d. destroy the tunnels
- 10) John Kerry called the ceasefire \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. "precious times"
  - b. "precious time"
  - c. "preciously times"
  - d. "pressures time"

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

The state of Israel and the Palestinian group Hamas (1) \_\_\_\_\_ ceasefire on Friday morning. The halt in hostilities was engineered by America's Secretary of State John Kerry and the U.N. Secretary-General Ban-ki Moon. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ will give Palestinians (3) \_\_\_\_\_ basic supplies such as food and medicines. They also need to repair power stations which have been put out of action (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the past three weeks. Israelis and Palestinians are also to meet in Cairo, Egypt to talk (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a permanent truce between the two sides. They will talk about resolving the underlying differences (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for decades.

Hamas said it would (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in fighting. Its spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said: "Acknowledging a call by the United Nations and in consideration of the (8) \_\_\_\_\_, resistance factions agreed to a 72-hour humanitarian (9) \_\_\_\_\_ ...as long as the other side abides by it." He added: "All the Palestinian factions are united behind the issue." The day before the (10) \_\_\_\_\_, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country would continue to destroy the tunnels that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the Gaza-Israel border. John Kerry called the ceasefire "precious time". He said: "It is a moment for the different factions (12) \_\_\_\_\_ together with the state of Israel."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

1. When did the ceasefire begin?

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2. What will Palestinians restock on?

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3. What do Palestinians need to fix?

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4. Where will the two sides meet to talk about a permanent truce?

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5. For how long has there been unrest between the two sides?

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6. What did Hamas say it would abide by?

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7. What Palestinians agreed to the 72-hour calm?

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8. When did Mr Netanyahu say Israel would continue to destroy tunnels?

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9. Where are the tunnels?

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10. What did John Kerry call the ceasefire?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

1. When did the ceasefire begin?
  - a) Friday afternoon
  - b) it didn't
  - c) Friday morning
  - d) Friday evening
2. What will Palestinians restock on?
  - a) basic supplies
  - b) fish and meat
  - c) bandages and band aids
  - d) fruit and vegetables
3. What do Palestinians need to fix?
  - a) police stations
  - b) the Internet
  - c) tunnels
  - d) power stations
4. Where will the two sides meet to talk about a permanent truce?
  - a) New York
  - b) Cairo
  - c) Jerusalem
  - d) London
5. For how long has there been unrest between the two sides?
  - a) 3 weeks
  - b) 3 days
  - c) decades
  - d) 18 years
6. What did Hamas say it would abide by?
  - a) the rules
  - b) the ceasefire
  - c) the regulations
  - d) the guidelines
7. What Palestinians agreed to the 72-hour calm?
  - a) only the leaders
  - b) the ones in Rafah
  - c) the PLO
  - d) resistance factions
8. When did Mr Netanyahu say Israel would continue to destroy tunnels?
  - a) next week
  - b) the day before the ceasefire
  - c) he didn't say
  - d) two weeks ago
9. Where are the tunnels?
  - a) under the Israel-Gaza border
  - b) connecting Gaza and Egypt
  - c) all along the coast
  - d) Tel Aviv
10. What did John Kerry call the ceasefire?
  - a) a wasted opportunity
  - b) invaluable
  - c) a moment of history
  - d) precious time

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Hamas**

You think Hamas is the likeliest party to bring about peace. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their parties could not bring about peace. Also, tell the others which is the least helpful of these (and why): the Arab League, Benjamin Netanyahu or Israeli citizens.

## **Role B – The Arab League**

You think the Arab League is the likeliest party to bring about peace. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their parties could not bring about peace. Also, tell the others which is the least helpful of these (and why): Hamas, Benjamin Netanyahu or Israeli citizens.

## **Role C – Benjamin Netanyahu**

You think Benjamin Netanyahu is the likeliest party to bring about peace. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their parties could not bring about peace. Also, tell the others which is the least helpful of these (and why): the Arab League, Hamas or Israeli citizens.

## **Role D – Israeli citizens**

You think Israeli citizens are the likeliest party to bring about peace. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their parties could not bring about peace. Also, tell the others which is the least helpful of these (and why): the Arab League, Benjamin Netanyahu or Hamas.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

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

<b>cease</b>	<b>fire</b>
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- 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"><li>• morning</li><li>• engineered</li><li>• food</li><li>• power</li><li>• meet</li><li>• caused</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pause</li><li>• situation</li><li>• long</li><li>• before</li><li>• under</li><li>• together</li></ul>
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# GAZA SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

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.

## GAZA 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 word 'ceasefire'?
- c) Why do ceasefires rarely hold?
- d) What will it take for the two sides to stop fighting?
- e) What started the current hostilities?
- f) What are your greatest concerns regarding the current conflict?
- g) What are the two sides fighting for?
- h) What images stick in your mind most regarding this conflict?
- i) What differences in reporting have you noticed in the media?
- j) Will there ever be peace between the two sides?

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## GAZA DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What would you say to the leaders of Hamas?
- c) What would you say to the leaders of Israel?
- d) What happens during a humanitarian ceasefire?
- e) Do you think the average Israeli or Palestinian agrees with their leaders?
- f) Who is to blame for the current fighting?
- g) What makes you most angry about the situation?
- h) Can the USA do anything to help stop the fighting?
- i) Can other Arab nations do anything to help stop the fighting?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a Gazan and Israeli?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

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Hamas said it would abide by the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in fighting. Its spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said: "Acknowledging a call by the United Nations and in consideration of the situation of our people, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ factions agreed to a 72-hour humanitarian and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ calm...as long as the other side abides by it." He added: "All the Palestinian factions are united (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the issue." The day before the ceasefire was announced, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country would continue to destroy the tunnels that have been (11) \_\_\_\_\_ under the Gaza-Israel border. John Kerry called the ceasefire "precious time". He said: "It is a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for the different factions to be able to come together with the state of Israel."

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

- |     |                |                  |                   |                |
|-----|----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) hilt       | (b) holt         | (c) halt          | (d) held       |
| 2.  | (a) engineered | (b) machined     | (c) lubricated    | (d) mechanised |
| 3.  | (a) basic      | (b) basically    | (c) basics        | (d) base       |
| 4.  | (a) put        | (b) cut          | (c) gut           | (d) rut        |
| 5.  | (a) possible   | (b) possibility  | (c) impossibility | (d) impossible |
| 6.  | (a) relent     | (b) relentless   | (c) restless      | (d) unrest     |
| 7.  | (a) breather   | (b) intermission | (c) pause         | (d) stopover   |
| 8.  | (a) resisted   | (b) resisting    | (c) resistant     | (d) resistance |
| 9.  | (a) mutual     | (b) mature       | (c) muting        | (d) matter     |
| 10. | (a) beyond     | (b) behind       | (c) beneath       | (d) before     |
| 11. | (a) scraped    | (b) dug          | (c) scratched     | (d) cultivated |
| 12. | (a) monument   | (b) monumental   | (c) moment        | (d) momentous  |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. halt in ishltoteisi
2. eeeenirdng by America's Secretary of State
3. The ahaiuintnram truce
4. restock on basic seuipisp
5. the possibility of a nptmreena truce
6. talk about resolving the rdenlyngiu differences

## Paragraph 2

7. Hamas said it would beida by the pause
8. resistance atniscof
9. mautul calm
10. before the ceasefire was dnnnoaec
11. continue to destroy the nsteunl
12. urposice time



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) tunnels that have been dug under the Gaza-Israel border. John Kerry called the ceasefire "precious
- ( ) out of action during the fighting of the past three weeks. Israelis and Palestinians are
- ( ) Hamas said it would abide by the pause in fighting. Its spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said: "Acknowledging
- ( ) morning. The halt in hostilities was engineered by America's Secretary of State John Kerry and the U.N.
- ( ) announced, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country would continue to destroy the
- ( ) time". He said: "It is a moment for the different factions to be able to come together with the state of Israel."
- ( ) on basic supplies such as food and medicines. They also need to repair power stations which have been put
- ( ) to a 72-hour humanitarian and mutual calm...as long as the other side abides by it." He added:
- ( ) "All the Palestinian factions are united behind the issue." The day before the ceasefire was
- ( **1** ) The state of Israel and the Palestinian group Hamas started a 72-hour ceasefire on Friday
- ( ) also to meet in Cairo, Egypt to talk about the possibility of a permanent truce between the two sides. They will talk
- ( ) a call by the United Nations and in consideration of the situation of our people, resistance factions agreed
- ( ) Secretary-General Ban-ki Moon. The humanitarian truce will give Palestinians time to restock
- ( ) about resolving the underlying differences that have caused unrest for decades.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

1. on 72 ceasefire morning a hour Friday Started -.

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2. on Palestinians basic time supplies to restock Give.

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3. during action of out Put fighting the.

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4. truce possibility of Talk a about permanent the.

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5. caused have that Differences decades for unrest.

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6. in fighting Hamas said it would abide by the pause.

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7. humanitarian and mutual calm Agreed to a 72 - hour.

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8. factions behind Palestinian united issue the are the All.

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9. country the would tunnels continue to His destroy.

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10. of Israel . Be able to come together with the state

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

The *state / statehood* of Israel and the Palestinian group Hamas started a 72-hour ceasefire on Friday morning. The *hilt / halt* in hostilities was *engineered / engineering* by America's Secretary of State John Kerry and the U.N. Secretary-General Ban-ki Moon. The humanitarian *truce / trace* will give Palestinians time to restock on *basically / basic* supplies such as food and medicines. They also need to repair *powered / power* stations which have been put out *of / for* action during the fighting of the past three weeks. Israelis and Palestinians are *addition / also* to meet in Cairo, Egypt to talk about the possibility of a permanent truce between the two *sidings / sides*. They will talk about resolving the underlying differences that have caused *unrest / rest* for decades.

Hamas said it would abide by the *pause / paused* in fighting. Its spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said: "Acknowledging a call *for / by* the United Nations and in consideration *for / of* the situation of our people, *resistance / resistant* factions *agreed / agrees* to a 72-hour humanitarian and mutual calm...as long as the other side abides by it." He added: "All the Palestinian factions are united *beyond / behind* the issue." The day *prior / before* the ceasefire was announced, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country would continue to *deconstruct / destroy* the tunnels that have been dug under the Gaza-Israel border. John Kerry called the ceasefire "*precious / precocious* time". He said: "It is a moment for the different *frictions / factions* to be able to come together with the state of Israel."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

Th\_ st\_t\_ \_f \_sr\_\_l \_nd th\_ P\_l\_st\_n\_\_n gr\_\_p H\_m\_s  
st\_rt\_d \_ 72-h\_\_r c\_\_s\_f\_r\_\_n Fr\_d\_y m\_rn\_ng. Th\_  
h\_lt \_n h\_st\_l\_t\_\_s w\_s \_ng\_n\_\_r\_d by \_m\_r\_c\_'s  
S\_cr\_t\_ry \_f St\_t\_ J\_hn K\_rry \_nd th\_ \_\_.N. S\_cr\_t\_ry-  
G\_n\_r\_l B\_n-k\_ M\_\_n. Th\_ h\_m\_n\_t\_r\_\_n tr\_c\_ w\_ll  
g\_v\_ P\_l\_st\_n\_\_ns t\_m\_ t\_r\_st\_ck \_n b\_s\_c\_s ppl\_\_s  
s\_ch \_s\_f\_\_d \_nd m\_d\_c\_n\_s. Th\_y \_ls\_ n\_\_d t\_r\_p\_\_r  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140803-ceasefire.html>

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 Gaza. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. GAZA:** Make a poster about Gaza and its history. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PEACE:** Write a magazine article about how to bring peace between Palestinians and Israelis. Include imaginary interviews with people from both sides.

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. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on the Middle East. Ask him/her three questions about Gaza. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stop the fighting. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. state       | a. nation       |
| 2. hostilities | b. fighting     |
| 3. basic       | c. key          |
| 4. permanent   | d. lasting      |
| 5. resolving   | e. settling     |
| 6. pause       | f. cessation    |
| 7. call        | g. request      |
| 8. factions    | h. groups       |
| 9. destroy     | i. demolish     |
| 10. moment     | j. little while |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Friday morning
2. Basic supplies (food and medicines)
3. Power stations
4. Cairo, Egypt
5. Decades
6. The ceasefire
7. Resistance factions
8. The day before the ceasefire
9. Under the Gaza-Israel border
10. "Precious time"

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. c    6. d    7. b    8. d    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)