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Level 0

Singapore celebrates 50 years of independence

12th August, 2015

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THE READING

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Singapore celebrated its fiftieth birthday. It became independent on August 8th, 1965. There was the largest fireworks display ever in Singapore. Thousands of people saw them. The country has counted down since New Year's Eve. Singapore's Prime Minister said: "We must press on, because we aspire to do better for ourselves."

Singapore has come a long way. It was very poor but founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew made it wealthy. He died earlier this year. Singapore is the world's fourth most important financial centre and the second busiest port. A woman felt sad that Mr Lee did not live long enough to see the anniversary.

Sources: <https://sg.news.yahoo.com/ndp-2015--50-years-and-counting-143325681.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Singapore celebrated its | a. people saw them |
| 2. It became independent | b. since New Year's Eve |
| 3. the largest fireworks | c. on |
| 4. Thousands of | d. fiftieth birthday |
| 5. The country has counted down | e. Minister |
| 6. Singapore's Prime | f. better for ourselves |
| 7. We must press | g. on August 8th |
| 8. we aspire to do | h. display ever |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. Singapore has come a | a. sad |
| 2. It was very | b. centre |
| 3. Lee Kuan Yew made | c. the anniversary |
| 4. He died earlier this | d. poor |
| 5. the world's fourth most important financial | e. long enough |
| 6. A woman felt | f. it wealthy |
| 7. Mr Lee did not live | g. long way |
| 8. see | h. year |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Singapore celebrated (1) _____. It became independent (2) _____, 1965. There was the largest fireworks (3) _____ Singapore. Thousands of (4) _____. The country has counted (5) _____ Year's Eve. Singapore's Prime Minister said: "We must press on, because (6) _____ better for ourselves."

Singapore has (7) _____ way. It was very poor but founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew (8) _____. He died (9) _____.

Singapore is the (10) _____ important financial centre and the second (11) _____. A woman felt sad that Mr Lee did not live (12) _____ see the anniversary.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

