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Level 2

Thousands call for Zimbabwe's Mugabe to resign

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Zimbabwe is changing. Thousands of people are in the streets. They want President Robert Mugabe to resign. The army removed him from power on Wednesday. People said Mr Mugabe wanted his wife, Grace Mugabe, to be the next president. Mugabe fired his deputy, so the army took control of the capital city. The army wanted to remove the "criminals" around Mr Mugabe. Members of Mr Mugabe's ruling party asked Mr Mugabe to step down. Veterans of Zimbabwe's war for independence said Mr Mugabe should quit. They were among Mugabe's most loyal supporters.

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old. He is the oldest leader of any country in the world. He became the leader of Zimbabwe in 1980. He has been in power for 37 years. Mr Mugabe fought in Zimbabwe's war for independence against British rule. Zimbabwe used to be called Rhodesia. In 1980 there were elections. Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party won the elections. Many people are now happy his time as leader is coming to an end. One 34-year-old street protestor said: "I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Thousands of people are | a. for independence |
| 2. The army removed him | b. control |
| 3. the army took | c. party |
| 4. The army wanted to remove | d. supporters |
| 5. Members of Mr Mugabe's ruling | e. in the streets |
| 6. asked Mr Mugabe to step | f. the "criminals" |
| 7. Zimbabwe's war | g. down |
| 8. among Mugabe's most loyal | h. from power |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the oldest leader of any | a. independence |
| 2. He has been in | b. coming to an end |
| 3. war for | c. last |
| 4. Zimbabwe used to be | d. life for this day |
| 5. won the | e. power |
| 6. his time as leader is | f. country in the world |
| 7. I've been waiting all my | g. called Rhodesia |
| 8. We are free at | h. elections |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Zimbabwe is changing. (1) _____ are in the streets. They want President Robert Mugabe to resign. The (2) _____ from power on Wednesday. People said Mr Mugabe wanted his wife, Grace Mugabe, to be the next president. Mugabe (3) _____, so the army took control of the capital city. The army wanted to (4) _____ around Mr Mugabe. Members of Mr Mugabe's ruling party asked Mr Mugabe (5) _____. Veterans of Zimbabwe's war for independence said Mr Mugabe should quit. They were among Mugabe's (6) _____.

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old. He is (7) _____ of any country in the world. He became the leader of Zimbabwe in 1980. He has (8) _____ for 37 years. Mr Mugabe fought in Zimbabwe's war for independence (9) _____. Zimbabwe used to be called Rhodesia. In 1980 there were elections. Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party (10) _____. Many people are now happy his time as leader is coming to an end. One 34-year-old (11) _____: "I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ZIMBABWE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Zimbabwe 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) _____

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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) _____

