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Malaysia to have 92-year-old leader

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THE READING

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Malaysia's ex-leader Mahathir Mohamad, 92, has ended the six-decade rule of the BN party. He will soon become Malaysia's next prime minister and the world's oldest elected leader. He was Malaysia's prime minister from 1981 to 2003 as leader of the BN, which came to power in 1957 after Malaysia's independence. He helped Malaysia become an "Asian tiger". However, he was accused of being too strong and of putting his opponents in jail.

Mahathir's party won 113 seats. This is enough for a majority in Malaysia's parliament. Mahathir ended his retirement to join the opposition party. It was a tough election race. He beat Najib Razak, who was accused of corruption in a financial scandal. Mahathir wants to put Malaysia back on track and "restore the rule of law". He joked that his new cabinet would be, "a gathering of men and women, including a young person".

Sources: <http://www.scmp.com/week-asia/politics/article/2145438/malaysias-strongman-mahathir-mohamad-back-power-he-ends-barisan>
<http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2018/05/10/malaysia-looks-to-new-political-dawn/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. ended the six- | a. being too strong |
| 2. the world's oldest elected | b. from 1981 to 2003 |
| 3. prime minister | c. decade rule |
| 4. came to power | d. in jail |
| 5. after Malaysia's | e. leader |
| 6. He helped Malaysia become | f. independence |
| 7. he was accused of | g. in 1957 |
| 8. putting his opponents | h. an "Asian tiger" |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Mahathir's party won 113 | a. person |
| 2. This is enough for a | b. of corruption |
| 3. Mahathir ended his | c. party |
| 4. join the opposition | d. race |
| 5. It was a tough election | e. seats |
| 6. accused | f. scandal |
| 7. a financial | g. majority |
| 8. including a young | h. retirement |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader-4.html>

Malaysia's ex-leader Mahathir Mohamad, 92, has ended the (1) _____ of the BN party. He will soon become Malaysia's next prime minister and the (2) _____ leader. He was Malaysia's prime minister from 1981 to 2003 (3) _____ the BN, which (4) _____ in 1957 after Malaysia's independence. He helped Malaysia become an "Asian tiger". However, he (5) _____ being too strong and of putting his (6) _____.

Mahathir's party (7) _____. This is enough for a majority in Malaysia's parliament. Mahathir ended his retirement to (8) _____ party. It was a (9) _____. He beat Najib Razak, who was accused of corruption in (10) _____. Mahathir wants to put Malaysia (11) _____ and "restore the rule of law". He joked that (12) _____ would be, "a gathering of men and women, including a young person".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LEADERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about leaders 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) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader-4.html>

Write about **leaders** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
