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Philippines president to resign if someone proves God exists

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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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The Philippines president has made people angry. President Duterte said he would resign if anyone can prove that God exists. He has upset people with his religious beliefs before. He recently made many people angry by calling God stupid. On Friday, he questioned the Roman Catholic Church. He challenged what the Church says about sin and why sin can only be removed from children by paying money to the Church. He said: "Where is the logic of God there?" He wants "one single witness" who has a picture or a selfie that a human was "able to talk to and see God".

His opponents hit back at him by calling him "one evil man". A senator said the president's comments showed that he lied, had no heart and was ruthless. President Duterte said he did believe in God. He said: "There is a universal mind somewhere which controls the universe." Mr Duterte is very popular in the Philippines. He has spent years fighting a war on drugs in which hundreds of people have been killed. He also appeared at an event where officials crushed illegally imported luxury cars. He has agreed to meet religious leaders to make relations better.

Sources: <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/07/07/philippines-duterte-vows-to-resign-if-anybody-can-prove-god-exists.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. The Philippines president has | a. Church says |
| 2. he would resign if anyone can prove | b. a selfie |
| 3. He has upset people with his | c. angry |
| 4. He recently made many people | d. and see God |
| 5. He challenged what the | e. to the Church |
| 6. paying money | f. that God exists |
| 7. a picture or | g. made people angry |
| 8. able to talk to | h. religious beliefs |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. His opponents hit | a. somewhere |
| 2. the president's comments showed | b. religious leaders |
| 3. There is a universal mind | c. back at him |
| 4. He has spent years fighting | d. better |
| 5. He also appeared | e. that he lied |
| 6. illegally imported | f. at an event |
| 7. He has agreed to meet | g. a war |
| 8. make relations | h. luxury cars |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Philippines president (1) _____ angry. President Duterte said he would resign if anyone can prove that God exists. He (2) _____ with his religious beliefs before. He recently (3) _____ angry by calling God stupid. On Friday, he questioned the Roman Catholic Church. He challenged what the Church (4) _____ and why sin can only be removed from children by paying money to the Church. He said: "Where (5) _____ of God there?" He wants "one single witness" who has a picture or a selfie that a human was "able to talk (6) _____ God".

His opponents hit back at him (7) _____ "one evil man". A senator said the president's comments (8) _____ lied, had no heart and was ruthless. President Duterte said he (9) _____ God. He said: "There is a universal mind somewhere (10) _____ universe." Mr Duterte is very popular in the Philippines. He has spent years fighting a war on (11) _____ hundreds of people have been killed. He also appeared at an event where officials crushed illegally imported luxury cars. He has agreed to meet religious leaders to (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GOD SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180709-god-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about God 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) _____

