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## Level 3 – 9th July, 2018

### Philippines president to resign if someone proves God exists

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# THE ARTICLE

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

The president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, has made people angry. He said he would resign if anyone can prove that God exists. President Duterte has a history of upsetting people with his religious beliefs. He recently made many people in his largely Roman Catholic country angry by calling God stupid. On Friday, he questioned the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. In particular, he challenged what the Church says about sin. He asked why sin can only be removed from children by paying money to the Church. He said: "Where is the logic of God there?" The 73-year-old leader said that he wanted "one single witness" who has a picture or a selfie that a human was "able to talk to and see God".

Opponents of the president hit back at him by calling him "one evil man". Senator Antonio Trillanes said the president's comments showed that Mr Duterte lied, had no heart and was a ruthless leader. Despite his comments, President Duterte said he did believe in God. He said: "There is a universal mind somewhere which controls the universe." Duterte is very popular in the Philippines for his policies on drugs and crime. He has spent the past few years fighting a war on drugs in which hundreds of people have been killed. He also appeared at an event in which customs officials crushed illegally imported luxury cars. He has agreed to meet religious leaders at a meeting on Monday to ease tensions.

Sources: <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/07/07/philippines-duterte-vows-to-resign-if-anybody-can-prove-god-exists.html>  
<http://cnnphilippines.com/news/2018/07/07/Rodrigo-Duterte-Christian-God-exists-resign.html>  
<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2018/07/07/1831416/duterte-show-me-proof-god-exists-and-ill-resign>

# WARM-UPS

**1. GOD:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about God. 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?

president / angry / God / religious belief / stupid / sin / logic / witness / picture / selfie  
opponents / evil / ruthless / universe / popular / crime / drugs / luxury cars / meeting

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

**3. EXISTS:** Students A **strongly** believe people can prove that God exists; Students B **strongly** believe they can't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. RELIGION:** What do you know and want to know about these different religions? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I know	What I want to know
Buddhism		
Christianity		
Hinduism		
Islam		
Judaism		
Sikhism		

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

**6. SEVEN DEADLY SINS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the worst sins at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- lust
- gluttony
- greed
- sloth
- wrath
- envy
- pride
- your idea \_\_\_\_\_

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. resign     | a. Lives; is found, especially in a particular place or situation.         |
| 2. exists     | b. Things you are sure are true.   |
| 3. upsetting  | c. Voluntarily leave a job or other position.                              |
| 4. beliefs    | d. A bad action that goes against what God sees is good.                   |
| 5. principles | e. Rules or beliefs that control a person's or an organization's behavior. |
| 6. sin        | f. A person who sees an event, typically a crime or accident, take place.  |
| 7. witness    | g. Making someone/people unhappy, disappointed, or worried.                |

## Paragraph 2

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 8. opponents | h. Stress and difficult relations between people.                                  |
| 9. evil      | i. Actions and plans made and used by a government, party, business, or person.    |
| 10. ruthless | j. Came into sight; become visible or noticeable.                                  |
| 11. policies | k. Someone who competes against or fights another in a contest, game, or argument. |
| 12. appeared | l. One hundred per cent bad.   |
| 13. crushed  | m. Squeezed and pressed until it becomes flat or almost flat.                      |
| 14. tensions | n. Having or showing no pity or compassion for others.                             |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. President Duterte will resign next month. **T / F**
- b. President Duterte often upsets people when talking about religion. **T / F**
- c. The president asked questions about the Catholic Church. **T / F**
- d. The president asked about the church's logic regarding sin. **T / F**
- e. An opponent of the president called him the devil. **T / F**
- f. President Duterte said he believed in God. **T / F**
- g. President Duterte said nothing controls the universe. **T / F**
- h. President Duterte has refused to meet religious leaders. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. resign</b>     | a. hard-hearted |
| <b>2. prove</b>      | b. truths       |
| <b>3. beliefs</b>    | c. arrived      |
| <b>4. principles</b> | d. show         |
| <b>5. logic</b>      | e. rivals       |
| <b>6. opponents</b>  | f. ill feeling  |
| <b>7. ruthless</b>   | g. quit         |
| <b>8. popular</b>    | h. reason       |
| <b>9. appeared</b>   | i. well-liked   |
| <b>10. tensions</b>  | j. views        |

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

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Duterte has made                    | a. Roman Catholic Church |
| 2. Duterte has a history of            | b. leader                |
| 3. he questioned the principles of the | c. luxury cars           |
| 4. he challenged what the Church       | d. upsetting people      |
| 5. a human was able to talk            | e. back at him           |
| 6. Opponents of the president hit      | f. people angry          |
| 7. a ruthless                          | g. tensions              |
| 8. his policies on                     | h. says about sin        |
| 9. illegally imported                  | i. drugs and crime       |
| 10. to ease                            | j. to and see God        |

# GAP FILL

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

The president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, has made people angry. He said he would (1) \_\_\_\_\_ if anyone can prove that God exists. President Duterte has a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of upsetting people with his religious beliefs. He (3) \_\_\_\_\_ made many people in his largely Roman Catholic country angry by calling God (4) \_\_\_\_\_. On Friday, he questioned the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. In particular, he (5) \_\_\_\_\_ what the Church says about sin. He asked why sin can only be removed from children by (6) \_\_\_\_\_ money to the Church. He said: "Where is the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of God there?" The 73-year-old leader said that he wanted "one single (8) \_\_\_\_\_ " who has a picture or a selfie that a human was "able to talk to and see God".

*paying*

*history*

*stupid*

*witness*

*resign*

*logic*

*challenged*

*recently*

Opponents of the president hit back at him by calling him "one (9) \_\_\_\_\_ man". Senator Antonio Trillanes said the president's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ showed that Mr Duterte lied, had no heart and was a ruthless leader. Despite his comments, President Duterte said he did (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in God. He said: "There is a universal mind somewhere which controls the (12) \_\_\_\_\_." Duterte is very popular in the Philippines for his (13) \_\_\_\_\_ on drugs and crime. He has spent the past few years (14) \_\_\_\_\_ a war on drugs in which hundreds of people have been killed. He also appeared at an event in which customs (15) \_\_\_\_\_ crushed illegally imported luxury cars. He has agreed to meet religious leaders at a meeting on Monday to ease (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*believe*

*officials*

*comments*

*policies*

*tensions*

*evil*

*fighting*

*universe*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. made people angrily
  - b. made people angry
  - c. made people angered
  - d. made people angers
- 2) President Duterte has a history of upsetting people with his \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. religious believes
  - b. religious beliefs
  - c. religiously beliefs
  - d. religiously believes
- 3) In particular, he challenged what the Church \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. says about sin
  - b. says about thin
  - c. says about thing
  - d. says about things
- 4) Where is the logic of God there? The 73-year-old leader said that he wanted \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. won single witness
  - b. won singles witnesses
  - c. one single witness
  - d. one single witnesses
- 5) who has a picture or a selfie that a human was "able to talk to \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. and sea God
  - b. and seeing God
  - c. and seen God
  - d. and see God
- 6) Opponents of the president hit back at him by calling him "\_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. one evil men
  - b. one devil man
  - c. one evil man
  - d. won devil man
- 7) the president's comments showed that Mr Duterte lied, had no heart and \_\_\_\_\_ leader
  - a. was a toothless
  - b. was a useless
  - c. was a ruthless
  - d. was a roofless
- 8) He said: "There is a universal mind somewhere which \_\_\_\_\_ universe."
  - a. controls that
  - b. controls this
  - c. control the
  - d. controls the
- 9) He also appeared at an event in which customs officials crushed illegally \_\_\_\_\_ cars
  - a. import it luxury
  - b. imported luxuries
  - c. in port it luxury
  - d. imported luxury
- 10) He has agreed to meet religious leaders at a meeting on Monday \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to ease tensions
  - b. to wheeze tensions
  - c. two easy tensions
  - d. tweeze tensions

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

The president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ angry. He said he would resign if anyone can prove that God exists. President Duterte has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ upsetting people with his religious beliefs. He recently made many people in his largely Roman Catholic (3) \_\_\_\_\_ calling God stupid. On Friday, he questioned the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. In particular, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Church says about sin. He asked why sin can only be removed from children by paying money to the Church. He said: "Where is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ God there?" The 73-year-old leader said that he wanted "one single witness" who has a picture or a selfie (6) \_\_\_\_\_ was "able to talk to and see God".

Opponents of the president (7) \_\_\_\_\_ him by calling him "one evil man". Senator Antonio Trillanes said the president's comments showed that Mr Duterte lied, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and was a ruthless leader. Despite his comments, President Duterte said he did believe in God. He said: "There is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ somewhere which controls the universe." Duterte is very popular in the Philippines for his policies on drugs and crime. He has (10) \_\_\_\_\_ few years fighting a war on drugs in which hundreds of people have been killed. He also appeared (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in which customs officials crushed illegally imported luxury cars. He has agreed to meet religious leaders at a meeting on Monday (12) \_\_\_\_\_.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What did the article say President Duterte has a history of doing?
2. What did President Duterte recently call God that made people angry?
3. When did Mr Duterte question the principles of the Catholic Church?
4. Who did President Duterte say people had to pay to remove sin?
5. How old is President Duterte?
6. What kind of man did a senator call President Duterte?
7. What did President Duterte say he believed in?
8. What did President Duterte say controlled the universe?
9. Who crushed illegally imported luxury cars?
10. What will President Duterte try to ease at a meeting on Monday?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What did the article say President Duterte has a history of doing?
  - a) paying money
  - b) sinning
  - c) questioning God
  - d) upsetting people
- 2) What did President Duterte recently call God that made people angry?
  - a) logical
  - b) stupid
  - c) great
  - d) non-existent
- 3) When did Mr Duterte question the principles of the Catholic Church?
  - a) on Monday
  - b) on Saturday
  - c) on Friday
  - d) on Sunday
- 4) Who did President Duterte say people had to pay to remove sin?
  - a) the Roman Catholic Church
  - b) a committee
  - c) the government
  - d) the department of sin
- 5) How old is President Duterte?
  - a) 72
  - b) 71
  - c) 73
  - d) 70
- 6) What kind of man did a senator call President Duterte?
  - a) great
  - b) evil
  - c) kind
  - d) sinful
- 7) What did President Duterte say he believed in?
  - a) the Church
  - b) the Philippines
  - c) himself
  - d) God
- 8) What did President Duterte say controlled the universe?
  - a) a universal mind
  - b) an unknown force
  - c) God
  - d) space energy
- 9) Who crushed illegally imported luxury cars?
  - a) carmakers
  - b) the Church
  - c) customs officials
  - d) senators
- 10) What will President Duterte try to ease at a meeting on Monday?
  - a) relief
  - b) tensions
  - c) pain
  - d) pressure

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Lust**

You think lust is the worst sin. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sins aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): greed, sloth or wrath.

## **Role B – Greed**

You think greed is the worst sin. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sins aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lust, sloth or wrath.

## **Role C – Sloth**

You think sloth is the worst sin. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sins aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): greed, lust or wrath.

## **Role D – Wrath**

You think wrath is the worst sin. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sins aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): greed, sloth or lust.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

<b>prove</b>	<b>God</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>• resign</li><li>• religious</li><li>• largely</li><li>• challenged</li><li>• why</li><li>• able</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• hit</li><li>• heart</li><li>• mind</li><li>• policies</li><li>• war</li><li>• agreed</li></ul>
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# GOD SURVEY

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

# **GOD DISCUSSION**

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'God'?
3. Do you believe in God?
4. How can someone prove that God exists?
5. What do you think of President Duterte of the Philippines?
6. Should President Duterte resign?
7. What do you think of people calling God "stupid"?
8. What is sin?
9. What should we do about sin?
10. What is God?

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# **GOD DISCUSSION**

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'resign'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Are people who believe in God good?
15. What do you think controls the universe?
16. What did you learn about God when you were younger?
17. What should leaders do about drugs and crime?
18. Should religion be a part of a country's laws?
19. What advice do you have for President Duterte?
20. What questions would you like to ask God?

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

The president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, has made people (1) \_\_\_\_\_. He said he would resign if anyone can prove that God exists. President Duterte has a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of upsetting people with his religious beliefs. He recently made many people in his largely Roman Catholic country angry (3) \_\_\_\_\_ calling God stupid. On Friday, he questioned the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. In (4) \_\_\_\_\_, he challenged what the Church says about sin. He asked why sin can only be removed from children by paying money to the Church. He said: "Where is the logic (5) \_\_\_\_\_ God there?" The 73-year-old leader said that he wanted "one single witness" who has a picture or a selfie that a human was "(6) \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to and see God".

Opponents of the president hit (7) \_\_\_\_\_ at him by calling him "one evil man". Senator Antonio Trillanes said the president's comments showed that Mr Duterte lied, had no heart and was a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ leader. Despite his comments, President Duterte said he did believe in God. He said: "There is a universal mind somewhere which controls the universe." Duterte is very (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Philippines for his policies on drugs and crime. He has spent the past few years fighting a war (10) \_\_\_\_\_ drugs in which hundreds of people have been killed. He also appeared at an event (11) \_\_\_\_\_ which customs officials crushed illegally imported luxury cars. He has agreed to meet religious leaders at a meeting on Monday to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ tensions.

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

- |     |                |                |               |               |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) anger      | (b) angry      | (c) angrily   | (d) angered   |
| 2.  | (a) historical | (b) history    | (c) histories | (d) historian |
| 3.  | (a) to         | (b) as         | (c) of        | (d) by        |
| 4.  | (a) peculiar   | (b) particular | (c) polar     | (d) particle  |
| 5.  | (a) to         | (b) of         | (c) by        | (d) at        |
| 6.  | (a) ability    | (b) enabling   | (c) able      | (d) abloom    |
| 7.  | (a) forward    | (b) under      | (c) back      | (d) up        |
| 8.  | (a) bless      | (b) unless     | (c) ruthless  | (d) mess      |
| 9.  | (a) populace   | (b) populate   | (c) polar     | (d) popular   |
| 10. | (a) as         | (b) by         | (c) at        | (d) on        |
| 11. | (a) in         | (b) to         | (c) at        | (d) such      |
| 12. | (a) tease      | (b) please     | (c) ease      | (d) easy      |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. his lgieiruos beliefs
2. the iincrplpes of the Roman Catholic Church
3. In rtiaulpar, he challenged what the Church says
4. the oglic of God
5. he wanted one single itnewss
6. a picture or a esflie

## Paragraph 2

7. the president's mcemons
8. a htluses leader
9. a nieusrval mind
10. controls the iuevnrse
11. He also epaaperd at an event
12. ease estoinns

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

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

- ( ) sin. He asked why sin can only be removed from children by paying money to the Church. He said: "Where is the
- ( **1** ) The president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, has made people angry. He said he would resign if anyone can prove
- ( ) Opponents of the president hit back at him by calling him "one evil man". Senator Antonio Trillanes said the
- ( ) that God exists. President Duterte has a history of upsetting people with his religious beliefs. He recently made many
- ( ) logic of God there?" The 73-year-old leader said that he wanted "one single witness" who has a
- ( ) people in his largely Roman Catholic country angry by calling God stupid. On Friday, he questioned the principles
- ( ) of the Roman Catholic Church. In particular, he challenged what the Church says about
- ( ) the universe." Duterte is very popular in the Philippines for his policies on drugs and crime. He has spent
- ( ) his comments, President Duterte said he did believe in God. He said: "There is a universal mind somewhere which controls
- ( ) president's comments showed that Mr Duterte lied, had no heart and was a ruthless leader. Despite
- ( ) the past few years fighting a war on drugs in which hundreds of people have been
- ( ) picture or a selfie that a human was "able to talk to and see God".
- ( ) killed. He also appeared at an event in which customs officials crushed illegally imported luxury
- ( ) cars. He has agreed to meet religious leaders at a meeting on Monday to ease tensions.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. that If can prove anyone God exists .
2. of Duterte history a has upsetting people .
3. made He people angry . his in country recently
4. what He says about Church challenged the sin .
5. single a who One has witness picture or selfie .
6. of hit president the back Opponents at him .
7. universal somewhere A controls which mind the universe .
8. the spent He past has years few fighting .
9. crushed Customs imported illegally officials luxury cars .
10. religious meet Agreed leaders to a at meeting .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, has made people *angrily* / *angry*. He said he would resign if anyone can *proof* / *prove* that God exists. President Duterte has a history of upsetting people with his *religiously* / *religious* beliefs. He recently made many *people* / *persons* in his largely Roman Catholic country angry *as* / *by* calling God stupid. On Friday, he questioned the *principles* / *principals* of the Roman Catholic Church. In particular, he *challenged* / *challenge* what the Church says about sin. He asked why sin can only be *removal* / *removed* from children by paying money to the Church. He said: "Where is the logic of God there?" The 73-year-old leader said that *they* / *he* wanted "one single witness" who has a picture *or* / *of* a selfie that a human was "able to talk to and see God".

Opponents *of* / *for* the president hit back at him *as* / *by* calling him "one evil man". Senator Antonio Trillanes said the president's comments *showing* / *showed* that Mr Duterte lied, had *no* / *any* heart and was a ruthless leader. Despite his comments, President Duterte said he did believe in God. He said: "There is a universal *minds* / *mind* somewhere which controls the universe." Duterte is very *populated* / *popular* in the Philippines for his policies on drugs and crime. He has spent the *passed* / *past* few years fighting a war on drugs in which hundreds of people have *being* / *been* killed. He also appeared at an event in which customs *official* / *officials* crushed illegally imported luxury cars. He has agreed to meet religious leaders at a meeting on Monday to *ease* / *tease* tensions.

**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)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. GOD:** Make a poster about God. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. EXIST:** Write a magazine article about God. Include imaginary interviews with people God exists and with people who believe God doesn't exist.

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 God. Ask him/her three questions about God. Give him/her three of your opinions on God. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. a    3. g    4. b    5. e    6. d    7. f  
8. k    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. j    13. m    14. h

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. resign     | a. quit         |
| 2. prove      | b. show         |
| 3. beliefs    | c. views        |
| 4. principles | d. truths       |
| 5. logic      | e. reason       |
| 6. opponents  | f. rivals       |
| 7. ruthless   | g. hard-hearted |
| 8. popular    | h. well-liked   |
| 9. appeared   | i. arrived      |
| 10. tensions  | j. ill feeling  |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Upsetting people
2. Stupid
3. On Friday
4. The Catholic Church
5. 73
6. Evil
7. God
  
8. A universal mind
9. Customs officials
  
10. Tensions

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. If anyone can prove that God exists.
2. Duterte has a history of upsetting people.
3. He recently made people in his country angry.
4. He challenged what the Church says about sin.
5. One single witness who has a picture or selfie.
6. Opponents of the president hit back at him.
7. A universal mind somewhere which controls the universe.
8. He has spent the past few years fighting.
9. Customs officials crushed illegally imported luxury cars.
10. Agreed to meet religious leaders at a meeting.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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