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Level 5 – 14th October

Malaysia to abolish the death penalty

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THE READING

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Malaysia intends to abolish the death penalty in a move that human rights campaigners have welcomed. Malaysia's Law Minister said: "The death penalty will be abolished. Full stop." He said any planned executions will not be carried out. There are currently over 1,267 people on death row in Malaysia. They will get a reprieve. Prisoners on death row will be released or have their sentences commuted. The minister said: "They would have to face life imprisonment because there had been several deaths that were caused by the offender and so they were sentenced to death."

Malaysia's decision was hailed by Amnesty International. It said: "Malaysia must now join the 106 countries who have turned their backs for good on the ultimate cruel, inhumane, degrading punishment." It added: "There is no time to waste. The death penalty should have been consigned to the history books long ago. Malaysia's new government has promised to deliver on human rights, and today's announcement is an encouraging sign, but much more needs to be done." There are 23 countries with the death penalty. There were 993 executions recorded worldwide in 2017.

Sources: <https://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/2168140/malaysian-government-agrees-abolish-death-penalty-move>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. human rights | a. imprisonment |
| 2. The death penalty will | b. a reprieve |
| 3. over 1,267 people on | c. to death |
| 4. They will get | d. be abolished |
| 5. have their sentences | e. by the offender |
| 6. face life | f. death row |
| 7. several deaths that were caused | g. commuted |
| 8. they were sentenced | h. campaigners |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. hailed | a. punishment |
| 2. Malaysia must now join | b. to be done |
| 3. turned their | c. history books |
| 4. inhumane, degrading | d. the 106 countries |
| 5. There is no time | e. on human rights |
| 6. consigned to the | f. by Amnesty International |
| 7. promised to deliver | g. to waste |
| 8. much more needs | h. backs for good |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Malaysia intends (1) _____ death penalty in a move that human rights campaigners have welcomed. Malaysia's Law Minister said: "The death penalty (2) _____. Full stop." He said any planned executions will not (3) _____. There are currently over 1,267 people on death row in Malaysia. They will get a reprieve. Prisoners (4) _____ will be released or have their sentences commuted. The minister said: "They would (5) _____ life imprisonment because there had been several deaths that were caused by the offender and so they were (6) _____."

Malaysia's decision (7) _____ Amnesty International. It said: "Malaysia must now join the 106 countries who have (8) _____ for good on the ultimate cruel, inhumane, degrading punishment." It added: "There is no (9) _____. The death penalty should have been consigned to the history books long ago. Malaysia's new government has promised (10) _____ human rights, and today's announcement is an encouraging sign, but much more needs (11) _____." There are 23 countries with the death penalty. There were 993 executions (12) _____ 2017.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE DEATH PENALTY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the death penalty 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) _____

