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**Level 6 – 14th October, 2018**

## Malaysia to abolish the death penalty

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

The Malaysian government has stated it intends to abolish the death penalty in a move that has been welcomed by human rights campaigners. Malaysia's Law Minister said: "The death penalty will be abolished. Full stop." He added: "Since we are abolishing the sentence, all executions should not be carried out." There are currently over 1,267 people on death row in Malaysia who are set to win a reprieve. The law minister said prisoners on death row would be released or have their sentences commuted. He said: "When commuted, 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. Its Secretary General Kumi Naidoo said: "Malaysia must now join the 106 countries who have turned their backs for good on the ultimate cruel, inhumane, degrading punishment. The world is watching." Mr Naidoo 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 still 23 countries that retain the death penalty. According to Amnesty International, 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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# WARM-UPS

**1. THE DEATH PENALTY:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the death penalty. 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?

Malaysia / death penalty / abolished / executions / prisoners / sentences / death / Amnesty International / ultimate / cruel / inhumane / history books / worldwide

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

**3. CORPORAL PUNISHMENT:** Students A **strongly** believe the death penalty is a good thing; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SENTENCES:** What are the pros and cons of these punishments? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Capital punishment		
Community service		
Fines		
Naming and shaming		
Loss of job / property		
Wearing ID chip		

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

**6. CAMPAIGNERS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the campaigners you would support most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Human rights
- Global warming
- Anti-racism
- Anti-corruption
- Lower taxes
- Immigration
- Jobs
- Gun ownership

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1. intends     | a. A person or thing that does something wrong, or causes problems.                                    |
| 2. campaigners | b. Plans that something happens or functions in a particular way.                                      |
| 3. sentence    | c. Reduced a court sentence, especially a sentence of death, to one less severe.                       |
| 4. executions  | d. A person who actively promotes the goals of a cause.  |
| 5. commuted    | e. The carrying out of a sentence of death.  |
| 6. several     | f. The punishment given for someone found guilty by a court, or fixed by law for a particular offense. |
| 7. offender    | g. More than two but not many.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. hailed       | h. Talked about something enthusiastically.          |
| 9. for good     | i. Continue to have something; keep possession of    |
| 10. ultimate    | j. Forever.  |
| 11. cruel       | k. Giving someone support or confidence; supportive. |
| 12. inhumane    | l. The best achievable or imaginable of its kind.    |
| 13. encouraging | m. Willfully causing pain or suffering to others.    |
| 14. retain      | n. Without compassion for misery or suffering.       |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

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

- a. Human rights campaigners have hailed Malaysia's decision. **T / F**
- b. There are over one thousand prisoners on death row in Malaysia. **T / F**
- c. Prisoners on death row will now have to serve life sentences. **T / F**
- d. The prisoners on death row have killed thousands of people. **T / F**
- e. Fewer than 106 countries have abolished the death penalty. **T / F**
- f. Amnesty International said this issue should be in a history book. **T / F**
- g. There are 23 countries that still have the death penalty. **T / F**
- h. Amnesty International said there were over 1,000 executions in 2017. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>1. intend</b>      | a. scrapping   |
| <b>2. move</b>        | b. heartening  |
| <b>3. abolishing</b>  | c. set free    |
| <b>4. released</b>    | d. forever     |
| <b>5. degrading</b>   | e. put         |
| <b>6. for good</b>    | f. plan        |
| <b>7. offender</b>    | g. humiliating |
| <b>8. consigned</b>   | h. globally    |
| <b>9. encouraging</b> | i. action      |
| <b>10. worldwide</b>  | j. lawbreaker  |

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

- |                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. it intends to                  | a. waste                     |
| 2. welcomed by                    | b. commuted                  |
| 3. over 1,267 people              | c. imprisonment              |
| 4. have their sentences           | d. by Amnesty International  |
| 5. they would have to face life   | e. on death row              |
| 6. Malaysia's decision was hailed | f. to be done                |
| 7. 106 countries who have turned  | g. abolish the death penalty |
| 8. There is no time to            | h. an encouraging sign       |
| 9. today's announcement is        | i. their backs for good      |
| 10. much more needs               | j. human rights campaigners  |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

The Malaysian government has stated it intends to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the death penalty in a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that has been welcomed by human rights campaigners. Malaysia's Law Minister said: "The death penalty will be (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Full stop." He added: "Since we are abolishing the sentence, all (4) \_\_\_\_\_ should not be carried out." There are currently over 1,267 people on death row in Malaysia who are set to win a (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The law minister said prisoners on death row would be released or have their (6) \_\_\_\_\_ commuted. He said: "When commuted, they would have to face (7) \_\_\_\_\_ imprisonment because there had been several deaths that were caused by the offender and so they were (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to death."

*abolished*  
*reprieve*  
*life*  
*move*  
*sentenced*  
*executions*  
*abolish*  
*sentences*

Malaysia's decision was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ by Amnesty International. Its Secretary General Kumi Naidoo said: "Malaysia must now join the 106 countries who have turned their (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for good on the ultimate (11) \_\_\_\_\_, inhumane, degrading punishment. The world is watching." Mr Naidoo added: "There is no time to (12) \_\_\_\_\_. The death penalty should have been consigned to the history (13) \_\_\_\_\_ long ago. Malaysia's new government has promised to deliver on human rights, and today's announcement is an encouraging (14) \_\_\_\_\_, but much more needs to be done." There are still 23 countries that (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the death penalty. According to Amnesty International, there were 993 executions (16) \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide in 2017.

*waste*  
*sign*  
*hailed*  
*recorded*  
*cruel*  
*retain*  
*backs*  
*books*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

- 1) it intends to abolish the death penalty in a move that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. has being welcomed
  - b. has been welcomed
  - c. has been welcomed
  - d. has be in welcomed
- 2) Since we are abolishing the sentence, all executions should not \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be carried up
  - b. be carried on
  - c. be carried doubt
  - d. be carried out
- 3) 1,267 people on death row in Malaysia who are set to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. win a reap reef
  - b. win a reap rife
  - c. win a reprieve
  - d. win a re-prove
- 4) When commuted, they would have to face \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. life in prison meant
  - b. lie fin prison meant
  - c. life in prism mint
  - d. life imprisonment
- 5) deaths that were caused by the offender and so they were \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sentenced to death
  - b. sentenced too death
  - c. sentenced two death
  - d. sentenced through death
- 6) Malaysia must now join the 106 countries who have turned their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. blacks for good
  - b. back spore good
  - c. back sphere good
  - d. backs for good
- 7) There is no time to waste. The death penalty should have been \_\_\_\_\_ history books
  - a. consign to the
  - b. constrained to the
  - c. consigned to the
  - d. cone signed to the
- 8) promised to deliver on human rights, and today's announcement is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an encouraging sign
  - b. an encourage in sign
  - c. an encouraged sigh
  - d. an encouraging sigh
- 9) There are still 23 countries that \_\_\_\_\_ penalty
  - a. retrain the death
  - b. retain a death
  - c. retrain then death
  - d. retain the death
- 10) there were 993 executions recorded \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. worldwide in 2017
  - b. world width in 2017
  - c. whirled wide in 2017
  - d. would wide in 2017

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

The Malaysian government has stated it (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the death penalty in a move that has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ human rights campaigners. Malaysia's Law Minister said: "The death penalty will be abolished. Full stop." He added: "Since (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the sentence, all executions should not be carried out." There are currently over 1,267 people (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in Malaysia who are set to win a reprieve. The law minister said prisoners on death row would be released or have their sentences commuted. He said: "When commuted, they would have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ imprisonment because there had been several deaths that were caused (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and so they were sentenced to death."

Malaysia's decision (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Amnesty International. Its Secretary General Kumi Naidoo said: "Malaysia must now join the 106 countries who have turned their backs (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the ultimate cruel, inhumane, degrading punishment. The world is watching." Mr Naidoo 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 to be done." There are still 23 countries (11) \_\_\_\_\_ death penalty. According to Amnesty International, there (12) \_\_\_\_\_ recorded worldwide in 2017.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

1. Who has welcomed the Malaysian government's decision?
2. Who said the death penalty would be abolished, "full stop".
3. How many people are on death row in Malaysia?
4. What are people on death row set to win?
5. What sentence will the death penalty be reduced to?
6. Who is Kumi Naidoo?
7. How many countries have abolished the death penalty?
8. Who did Mr Naidoo say was watching?
9. How many countries still have the death penalty?
10. How many people did Amnesty International say were executed last year?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

- 1) Who has welcomed the Malaysian government's decision?
  - a) prison guards
  - b) Malaysian people
  - c) prisoners
  - d) human rights campaigners
- 2) Who said the death penalty would be abolished, "full stop"?
  - a) prisoners
  - b) Malaysia's Law Minister
  - c) Amnesty International
  - d) the head of the UN
- 3) How many people are on death row in Malaysia?
  - a) around 1,267
  - b) exactly 1,267
  - c) more than 1,267
  - d) just fewer than 1,267
- 4) What are people on death row set to win?
  - a) a reprieve
  - b) an award
  - c) some money
  - d) freedom
- 5) What sentence will the death penalty be reduced to?
  - a) 25 years
  - b) community service
  - c) life imprisonment
  - d) solitary confinement
- 6) Who is Kumi Naidoo?
  - a) a prisoner
  - b) Amnesty International's boss
  - c) a prison guard
  - d) a Malaysian politician
- 7) How many countries have abolished the death penalty?
  - a) 103
  - b) 104
  - c) 105
  - d) 106
- 8) Who did Mr Naidoo say was watching?
  - a) the world
  - b) prisoners
  - c) Amnesty International
  - d) prison bosses
- 9) How many countries still have the death penalty?
  - a) 21
  - b) 22
  - c) 23
  - d) 24
- 10) How many people did Amnesty International say were executed last year?
  - a) 939
  - b) 993
  - c) 399
  - d) 999

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

## **Role A – Human Rights**

You think human rights is the most important thing to campaign for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues are not as worthy. Also, tell the others which is the issue you would not campaign for of these (and why): anti-corruption, immigration or global warming.

## **Role B – Anti-Corruption**

You think anti-corruption is the most important thing to campaign for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues are not as worthy. Also, tell the others which is the issue you would not campaign for of these (and why): human rights, immigration or global warming.

## **Role C – Immigration**

You think immigration is the most important thing to campaign for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues are not as worthy. Also, tell the others which is the issue you would not campaign for of these (and why): anti-corruption, human rights or global warming.

## **Role D – Global Warming**

You think global warming is the most important thing to campaign for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues are not as worthy. Also, tell the others which is the issue you would not campaign for of these (and why): anti-corruption, immigration or human rights.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

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

death	penalty

- 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>• move</li><li>• full</li><li>• since</li><li>• win</li><li>• commuted</li><li>• face</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• hailed</li><li>• join</li><li>• waste</li><li>• ago</li><li>• deliver</li><li>• 993</li></ul>
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# THE DEATH PENALTY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

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.

# THE DEATH PENALTY 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 'death'?
3. What do you think of the death penalty?
4. What do you think of human rights campaigners?
5. What do you think of death row?
6. What does the death penalty achieve?
7. Should life imprisonment mean imprisonment forever?
8. What is the best way to deal with serious criminals?
9. What do you think of prisons?
10. What sentence would you give to killers?

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# THE DEATH PENALTY 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 'penalty'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Amnesty International?
15. Will the death penalty be abolished in all countries?
16. How inhumane is the death penalty?
17. What other things should be consigned to the history books?
18. What other human rights issues need addressing?
19. What more needs to be done?
20. What questions would you like to ask Malaysia's leader?

## **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/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

The Malaysian government has stated it (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to abolish the death penalty in a move that has been (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by human rights campaigners. Malaysia's Law Minister said: "The death penalty will be abolished. Full (3) \_\_\_\_\_." He added: "Since we are abolishing the sentence, all executions should not be carried out." There are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ over 1,267 people on death row in Malaysia who are set to win a reprieve. The law minister said prisoners on death row would be released or have their sentences (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "When commuted, they would have to face life imprisonment because there had been several deaths that were caused by the offender and so they were sentenced (6) \_\_\_\_\_ death."

Malaysia's decision was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ by Amnesty International. Its Secretary General Kumi Naidoo said: "Malaysia must now join the 106 countries who have turned their (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for good on the ultimate cruel, inhumane, degrading punishment. The world is watching." Mr Naidoo added: "There is no time (9) \_\_\_\_\_ waste. The death penalty should have been consigned to the history books long ago. Malaysia's new government has promised to deliver (10) \_\_\_\_\_ human rights, and today's announcement is an encouraging sign, but much more needs to be (11) \_\_\_\_\_." There are still 23 countries that retain the death penalty. According to Amnesty International, there were 993 (12) \_\_\_\_\_ recorded worldwide in 2017.

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

- |     |                |                |                |                |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) contends   | (b) portends   | (c) intends    | (d) amends     |
| 2.  | (a) welcomed   | (b) pleased    | (c) met        | (d) glad       |
| 3.  | (a) stop       | (b) energy     | (c) time       | (d) full-grown |
| 4.  | (a) currently  | (b) currency   | (c) concurrent | (d) curricula  |
| 5.  | (a) comparable | (b) compacted  | (c) computed   | (d) commuted   |
| 6.  | (a) of         | (b) at         | (c) on         | (d) to         |
| 7.  | (a) hailed     | (b) holed      | (c) failed     | (d) fooled     |
| 8.  | (a) tops       | (b) sides      | (c) fronts     | (d) backs      |
| 9.  | (a) to         | (b) on         | (c) of         | (d) by         |
| 10. | (a) in         | (b) on         | (c) as         | (d) to         |
| 11. | (a) does       | (b) done       | (c) do         | (d) doing      |
| 12. | (a) executions | (b) exclusions | (c) exertions  | (d) excerpts   |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. human rights npaimegcars
2. all iocxtuense should not be carried out
3. There are ryelnrcut over 1,267 people
4. win a erveieip
5. have their sentences mtmcdoeu
6. deaths that were caused by the erfondfe

## Paragraph 2

7. ultimate cruel, hanumnei...
8. ieagnrgdd punishment
9. cegsdinno to the history books
10. today's noutnaenmnce
11. an gourciaenng sign
12. countries that aitern the death penalty

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

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

- ( ) sign, but much more needs to be done." There are still 23 countries that retain the death penalty. According
- ( ) reprieve. The law minister said prisoners on death row would be released or have their sentences
- ( ) Malaysia's decision was hailed by Amnesty International. Its Secretary General Kumi Naidoo said: "Malaysia must now join
- ( ) commuted. He said: "When commuted, 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."
- ( ) to Amnesty International, there were 993 executions recorded worldwide in 2017.
- ( **1** ) The Malaysian government has stated it intends to abolish the death penalty in a move that has been welcomed
- ( ) stop." He added: "Since we are abolishing the sentence, all executions should not be carried
- ( ) to deliver on human rights, and today's announcement is an encouraging
- ( ) by human rights campaigners. Malaysia's Law Minister said: "The death penalty will be abolished. Full
- ( ) have been consigned to the history books long ago. Malaysia's new government has promised
- ( ) out." There are currently over 1,267 people on death row in Malaysia who are set to win a
- ( ) the 106 countries who have turned their backs for good on the ultimate cruel, inhumane, degrading
- ( ) punishment. The world is watching." Mr Naidoo added: "There is no time to waste. The death penalty should

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

1. the It abolish intends to death penalty .
2. executions carried not be All should out .
3. would Prisoners death on released . be row
4. or sentences released commuted . have Be their
5. would face imprisonment . have to life They
6. turned countries 106 their The have backs . who
7. books . have been consigned the Should history to
8. promised to government has Malaysia's deliver . new
9. the are countries with death 23 penalty . There
10. in were There worldwide recorded 2017 . executions 993

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty.html>

The Malaysian government has *started / stated* it intends to abolish the death penalty in a move that has been *welcoming / welcomed* by human rights campaigners. Malaysia's Law Minister said: "The death penalty will be *abolished / abolition*. Full stop." He added: "Since we are abolishing the sentence, all executions should not be carried *in / out*." There are currently over 1,267 people on death row in Malaysia who are *let / set* to win a reprieve. The law minister said prisoners on death row would be *released / releasing* or have their sentences *computed / commuted*. He said: "When commuted, they would have to *face / head* life imprisonment because there had been *several / severe* deaths that were caused by the offender and so they were sentenced *by / to* death."

Malaysia's decision was *hailed / halted* by Amnesty International. Its Secretary General Kumi Naidoo said: "Malaysia must now *joint / join* the 106 countries who have turned their *fronts / backs* for good on the ultimate *cruelty / cruel*, inhumane, degrading punishment. The world is *watching / seeing*." Mr Naidoo added: "There is no time to waste. The death penalty should have been *consigned / constrained* to the history books long ago. Malaysia's new government has promised to deliver *in / on* human rights, and today's announcement is an *encourage / encouraging* sign, but much more needs to be done." There are still 23 countries that *retrain / retain* the death penalty. According to Amnesty International, there were 993 executions *recorded / accorded* worldwide in 2017.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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All countries in the world should abolish the death penalty. Discuss.

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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. THE DEATH PENALTY:** Make a poster about the death penalty. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. GLOBAL ABOLITION:** Write a magazine article about the end of the death penalty worldwide. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. intend      | a. plan        |
| 2. move        | b. action      |
| 3. abolishing  | c. scrapping   |
| 4. released    | d. set free    |
| 5. offender    | e. lawbreaker  |
| 6. for good    | f. forever     |
| 7. degrading   | g. humiliating |
| 8. consigned   | h. put         |
| 9. encouraging | i. heartening  |
| 10. worldwide  | j. globally    |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Human rights campaigners
- Malaysia's Law Minister
- 1,267
- A reprieve
- Life imprisonment
- Secretary General of Amnesty International
- 106
- The world
- 23
- 993

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

- It intends to abolish the death penalty.
- All executions should not be carried out.
- Prisoners on death row would be released.
- Be released or have their sentences commuted.
- They would have to face life imprisonment.
- The 106 countries who have turned their backs.
- Should have been consigned to the history books.
- Malaysia's new government has promised to deliver.
- There are 23 countries with the death penalty.
- There were 993 executions recorded worldwide in 2017.

## 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 ;-)