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**Level 1** – 2nd March, 2019

## Kashmir crisis halts flights to Pakistan

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis-1.html>

There are tensions between India and Pakistan. The two countries could be heading for war. Pakistan shot down two Indian fighter jets on Wednesday and captured an Indian fighter pilot. This happened after Indian jets bombed Pakistani territory. India said it was bombing a terrorist base linked to a suicide car bombing that killed at least 40 Indian police officers in Kashmir. It is the first time Indian jets hit Pakistan since a 1971 war.

Pakistan closed its airspace on Wednesday. Airlines suspended flights to Pakistan and some parts of India. Airlines had to re-route flights to avoid the region. An aviation expert said 800 flights a day use the "critical" India-Pakistan air route. He said: "You can't fly over China, so you have to fly over Pakistan and India....Most of the traffic destined for Bangkok and Singapore will have to fly over Iran and then possibly take a detour."

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/02/india-pakistan-crisis-disrupts-international-flights-190227150404910.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. tensions between             | a. bombing             |
| 2. heading                      | b. Indian fighter jets |
| 3. Pakistan shot down two       | c. territory           |
| 4. captured an Indian           | d. for war             |
| 5. Indian jets bombed Pakistani | e. a terrorist base    |
| 6. India said it was bombing    | f. India and Pakistan  |
| 7. a suicide car                | g. 1971 war            |
| 8. since a                      | h. fighter pilot       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Pakistan closed              | a. India               |
| 2. Airlines suspended           | b. over Iran           |
| 3. some parts of                | c. expert              |
| 4. re-route flights to          | d. detour              |
| 5. An aviation                  | e. flights to Pakistan |
| 6. Most of the traffic destined | f. its airspace        |
| 7. have to fly                  | g. avoid the region    |
| 8. take a                       | h. for Bangkok         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis-1.html>

There (1) \_\_\_\_\_ India and Pakistan. The two countries could be (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Pakistan shot down two Indian (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday and captured an Indian fighter pilot. This happened after Indian jets bombed Pakistani territory. India (4) \_\_\_\_\_ bombing a terrorist base linked (5) \_\_\_\_\_ car bombing that killed at least 40 Indian police officers in Kashmir. It is the first time Indian jets hit Pakistan (6) \_\_\_\_\_ war.

Pakistan (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on Wednesday. Airlines suspended flights to Pakistan and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ India. Airlines had to re-route flights (9) \_\_\_\_\_ region. An aviation expert said 800 flights a day (10) \_\_\_\_\_ India-Pakistan air route. He said: "You can't fly over China, so you have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Pakistan and India....Most of the traffic destined for Bangkok and Singapore will have to fly over Iran and then (12) \_\_\_\_\_ detour."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# KASHMIR SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Kashmir 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) \_\_\_\_\_

