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**Level 3 – 23rd April, 2019**

## At least 207 die in Sri Lanka blasts

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

At least 207 people have been killed and 450 hurt in separate explosions in Sri Lanka. The government said suicide bombers were responsible for the bombings. The blasts took place in churches and hotels across the country on Sunday. Three churches were attacked as people were attending religious services for Easter, one of the most important occasions in the Christian calendar. Three luxury hotels were also targeted. Sri Lanka's government has imposed a curfew on the country. It asked people to be alert and report anything suspicious. The government has also blocked social media websites to prevent the spread of misinformation. The government said police have arrested seven suspects.

World leaders have condemned the attacks. Pope Francis said: "I pray for the injured and all those who are suffering as a result of this dramatic event." The leader of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka told the BBC: "It's a very difficult and a very sad situation for all of us because we never expected such a thing to happen, especially on Easter Sunday." US President Donald Trump tweeted: "The United States offers heartfelt condolences to the great people of Sri Lanka. We stand ready to help." The president of Turkey called the blasts "an assault on all of humanity". Sri Lanka's president said he is worried that the violence could create more instability in his country and in its economy.

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# WARM-UPS

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

hurt / explosions / suicide bombers / religious services / Christian / calendar / suspect world leader / dramatic / sad / Easter / condolences / president / humanity / economy

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

**3. VIOLENT:** Students A **strongly** believe the world is becoming a more violent place; Students B **strongly** believe the world is becoming less violent. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. REDUCING TERRORISM:** What can these people / things do to reduce levels of terrorism? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What they can do	How effective that would be
Governments		
Police		
Social media sites		
Religious leaders		
The UN		
Normal people		

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

**6. STOPPING TERRORISM:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to stop terrorism at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- money
- prayer
- technology
- more police
- education
- new leaders
- multiculturalism
- stronger borders

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 1. at least  | a. Different.   |
| 2. separate  | b. Be present at an event, meeting, or function.                                      |
| 3. explosion | c. A person thought to be guilty of a crime or offense.                               |
| 4. attend    | d. A violent and damaging blowing apart of something, often caused by a bomb.         |
| 5. occasion  | e. A rule requiring people to stay indoors between specified hours, usually at night. |
| 6. curfew    | f. Not less than.   |
| 7. suspect   | g. A special event or celebration.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. condemn      | h. Talk to God.  |
| 9. pray         | i. Full of terrible, exciting or great events.   |
| 10. dramatic    | j. Likely to change a lot suddenly.  |
| 11. expected    | k. Kind words given to people when someone dies.   |
| 12. condolences | l. Thought something would happen.   |
| 13. violence    | m. Attack someone or something as being bad.   |
| 14. instability | n. Behavior involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

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

- a. The government said it does not know who is responsible for the blasts. **T / F**
- b. There is currently a curfew in Sri Lanka. **T / F**
- c. Sri Lanka's government blocked social media sites. **T / F**
- d. The article said the police have arrested seven suspects. **T / F**
- e. The article said world leaders condoned the attacks. **T / F**
- f. Sri Lanka's Catholic Church was expecting such an attack. **T / F**
- g. The article said the UN boss called the blasts an assault on humanity. **T / F**
- h. Sri Lanka's president is worried the attacks will affect the economy. **T / F**

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

- |                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>hurt</b>        | a. believed   |
| 2. <b>attending</b>   | b. watchful   |
| 3. <b>alert</b>       | c. stop       |
| 4. <b>spread</b>      | d. criticized |
| 5. <b>prevent</b>     | e. concerned  |
| 6. <b>condemned</b>   | f. growth     |
| 7. <b>sad</b>         | g. sympathy   |
| 8. <b>expected</b>    | h. injured    |
| 9. <b>condolences</b> | i. sorrowful  |
| 10. <b>worried</b>    | j. going to   |

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

- |                                       |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. The government said suicide        | a. of misinformation          |
| 2. attending religious                | b. instability in his country |
| 3. Sri Lanka's government has imposed | c. the attacks                |
| 4. prevent the spread                 | d. a result                   |
| 5. police have arrested               | e. bombers were responsible   |
| 6. World leaders have condemned       | f. a thing to happen          |
| 7. suffering as                       | g. services                   |
| 8. we never expected such             | h. condolences                |
| 9. The United States offers heartfelt | i. seven suspects             |
| 10. the violence could create more    | j. a curfew                   |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

At least 207 people have been killed and 450 hurt in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ explosions in Sri Lanka. The government said suicide bombers were (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for the bombings. The blasts took place in churches and hotels across the country on Sunday. Three churches were (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as people were attending religious services for Easter, one of the most important occasions in the Christian (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Three luxury hotels were also targeted. Sri Lanka's government has imposed a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on the country. It asked people to be alert and report (6) \_\_\_\_\_ suspicious. The government has also blocked social media websites to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the spread of misinformation. The government said police have arrested seven (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*attacked*  
*curfew*  
*responsible*  
*prevent*  
*calendar*  
*suspects*  
*separate*  
*anything*

World leaders have condemned the attacks. Pope Francis said: "I pray for the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and all those who are suffering as a result of this (10) \_\_\_\_\_ event." The leader of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka told the BBC: "It's a very difficult and a very sad (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for all of us because we never expected (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a thing to happen, especially on Easter Sunday." US President Donald Trump tweeted: "The United States (13) \_\_\_\_\_ heartfelt condolences to the great people of Sri Lanka. We (14) \_\_\_\_\_ ready to help." The president of Turkey called the blasts "an (15) \_\_\_\_\_ on all of humanity". Sri Lanka's president said he is worried that the violence could create more (16) \_\_\_\_\_ in his country and in its economy.

*offers*  
*dramatic*  
*assault*  
*injured*  
*stand*  
*instability*  
*such*  
*situation*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

- 1) At least 207 people have been killed and 450 hurt in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. separated explosion
  - b. separate explodes in
  - c. separated explosions
  - d. separate explosions
- 2) The government said suicide bombers were responsible \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for them bombings
  - b. for the bombing
  - c. for the bombings
  - d. four the bombing
- 3) Three churches were attacked as people were attending \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. religious service
  - b. religious services
  - c. religiously services
  - d. religions service is
- 4) Sri Lanka's government has imposed \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ache a few
  - b. acre few
  - c. occur few
  - d. a curfew
- 5) The government said police have arrested \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. seven suspects
  - b. seven suspect
  - c. sevens suspects
  - d. sevens suspect
- 6) I pray for the injured and all those who are suffering as a result of this \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. drama tick event
  - b. dramatic even
  - c. dramatically event
  - d. dramatic event
- 7) It's a very difficult and a very sad situation \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. free all off us
  - b. for all of us
  - c. from all of us
  - d. for all off us
- 8) offers heartfelt condolences to the great people of Sri Lanka. We stand \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. readily to help
  - b. red to help
  - c. read to help
  - d. ready to help
- 9) The president of Turkey called the blasts "an assault on \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. all of humanity
  - b. all off humanity
  - c. wall of humanity
  - d. call of humanity
- 10) Sri Lanka's president said he is worried that the violence could create \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. more instable
  - b. more in stable
  - c. more instability
  - d. more in stab ability

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

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World (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the attacks. Pope Francis said: "I pray for the injured and all those (8) \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of this dramatic event." The leader of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka told the BBC: "It's a very difficult and a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for all of us because we never expected such a (10) \_\_\_\_\_, especially on Easter Sunday." US President Donald Trump tweeted: "The United States offers heartfelt condolences to the great people of Sri Lanka. We stand ready to help." The president of Turkey called the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on all of humanity". Sri Lanka's president said he is worried that the violence could create (12) \_\_\_\_\_ his country and in its economy.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

1. How many people did the article say were hurt in the blasts?
2. How many churches did the suicide bombers attack?
3. How many luxury hotels did the suicide bombers attack?
4. What has the government imposed on the country?
5. How many suspects have the Sri Lankan police arrested?
6. Who said he would pray for the injured?
7. Who said he never expected such a thing to happen?
8. What did Donald Trump offer the people of Sri Lanka?
9. Who called the blasts an assault on humanity?
10. What is the Sri Lanka president worried the violence would create?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

- 1) How many people did the article say were hurt in the blasts?
  - a) 504
  - b) 540
  - c) 405
  - d) 450
- 2) How many churches did the suicide bombers attack?
  - a) four
  - b) three
  - c) six
  - d) five
- 3) How many luxury hotels did the suicide bombers attack?
  - a) six
  - b) four
  - c) three
  - d) five
- 4) What has the government imposed on the country?
  - a) a curfew
  - b) an embargo
  - c) conditions
  - d) new laws
- 5) How many suspects have the Sri Lankan police arrested?
  - a) six
  - b) sixteen
  - c) seven
  - d) seventy
- 6) Who said he would pray for the injured?
  - a) the head of the UN
  - b) Pope Francis
  - c) Sri Lanka's president
  - d) the leader of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka
- 7) Who said he never expected such a thing to happen?
  - a) Pope Francis
  - b) Sri Lanka's president
  - c) the head of the UN
  - d) the leader of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka
- 8) What did Donald Trump offer the people of Sri Lanka?
  - a) condolences
  - b) money
  - c) hope
  - d) security
- 9) Who called the blasts an assault on humanity?
  - a) the leader of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka
  - b) Sri Lanka's president
  - c) Turkey's president
  - d) Pope Francis
- 10) What is the Sri Lanka president worried the violence would create?
  - a) a mess
  - b) instability
  - c) trouble
  - d) confusion

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

## **Role A – Money**

You think money is the best way to stop terrorism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): prayer, technology or multiculturalism.

## **Role B – Prayer**

You think prayer is the best way to stop terrorism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): money, technology or multiculturalism.

## **Role C – Technology**

You think technology is the best way to stop terrorism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): prayer, money or multiculturalism.

## **Role D – Multiculturalism**

You think multiculturalism is the best way to stop terrorism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): prayer, technology or money.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

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

<b>pray</b>	<b>bomb</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>• least</li><li>• place</li><li>• services</li><li>• calendar</li><li>• luxury</li><li>• spread</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pray</li><li>• leader</li><li>• difficult</li><li>• happen</li><li>• great</li><li>• create</li></ul>
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# TERRORISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

Write five GOOD questions about terrorism 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.

# TERRORISM 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 'terrorism'?
3. Why do people become suicide bombers?
4. What have you seen or read about this news?
5. How can Sri Lanka prevent further attacks?
6. Is there anywhere in the world that is safe from terrorism?
7. What can religious leaders do to stop terrorism?
8. What can governments do to stop terrorism?
9. What advice do you have for the people of Sri Lanka?
10. What should happen to the people who did this?

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# TERRORISM 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 'bomb'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you pray for?
15. Would the world change if we all prayed for peace?
16. What do you know about Easter?
17. What did your country's leader say about the attacks?
18. When will terrorism stop?
19. What is your biggest worry about terrorism?
20. What questions would you like to ask a terrorism expert?

# 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/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

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World leaders have condemned the attacks. Pope Francis said: "I pray for the injured and all (7) \_\_\_\_\_ who are suffering as a result (8) \_\_\_\_\_ this dramatic event." The leader of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka told the BBC: "It's a very difficult and a very sad situation for all of us because we never (9) \_\_\_\_\_ such a thing to happen, especially on Easter Sunday." US President Donald Trump tweeted: "The United States offers heartfelt condolences to the great people of Sri Lanka. We stand (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to help." The president of Turkey called the blasts "an assault (11) \_\_\_\_\_ all of humanity". Sri Lanka's president said he is worried that the violence could create (12) \_\_\_\_\_ instability in his country and in its economy.

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

- |     |                |                |                  |                |
|-----|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) hurt       | (b) hurts      | (c) hurting      | (d) hurtful    |
| 2.  | (a) of         | (b) at         | (c) for          | (d) by         |
| 3.  | (a) has        | (b) is         | (c) was          | (d) as         |
| 4.  | (a) occasioned | (b) occasions  | (c) occasionally | (d) occasional |
| 5.  | (a) take       | (b) do         | (c) have         | (d) be         |
| 6.  | (a) suspicions | (b) suspicious | (c) suspects     | (d) suspect    |
| 7.  | (a) they       | (b) those      | (c) them         | (d) that       |
| 8.  | (a) of         | (b) to         | (c) by           | (d) on         |
| 9.  | (a) expected   | (b) prediction | (c) guess        | (d) thinking   |
| 10. | (a) already    | (b) readily    | (c) ready        | (d) readiness  |
| 11. | (a) if         | (b) at         | (c) as           | (d) on         |
| 12. | (a) many       | (b) more       | (c) plenty       | (d) enough     |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. hurt in separate solxsipnoe
2. ecidisu bombers
3. nesbsopleri for the bombings
4. report anything isiucuposs
5. tvrenpe the spread of misinformation
6. arrested seven esupscts

## Paragraph 2

7. World leaders have cmendeond the attacks
8. a result of this daitamrc event
9. a very sad itaonuits
10. we never texcdeep such a thing
11. an atsausl on all of humanity
12. create more aistinibtyl

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

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

- ( **1** ) At least 207 people have been killed and 450 hurt in separate explosions in Sri Lanka. The government said suicide
- ( ) services for Easter, one of the most important occasions in the Christian calendar. Three luxury hotels were also
- ( ) World leaders have condemned the attacks. Pope Francis said: "I pray for the injured and all those who are
- ( ) the violence could create more instability in his country and in its economy.
- ( ) BBC: "It's a very difficult and a very sad situation for all of us because we never expected such a thing to
- ( ) suffering as a result of this dramatic event." The leader of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka told the
- ( ) alert and report anything suspicious. The government has also blocked social media websites
- ( ) condolences to the great people of Sri Lanka. We stand ready to help." The president of Turkey called
- ( ) targeted. Sri Lanka's government has imposed a curfew on the country. It asked people to be
- ( ) bombers were responsible for the bombings. The blasts took place in churches and hotels across
- ( ) to prevent the spread of misinformation. The government said police have arrested seven suspects.
- ( ) the blasts "an assault on all of humanity". Sri Lanka's president said he is worried that
- ( ) the country on Sunday. Three churches were attacked as people were attending religious
- ( ) happen, especially on Easter Sunday." US President Donald Trump tweeted: "The United States offers heartfelt

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

1. in hurt 450 separate than More explosions . were
2. services for religious were Easter . People attending
3. government curfew The a country . the imposed on
4. websites . social blocked media has also government The
5. police said arrested government The suspects . seven
6. a suffering as those are result . All who
7. never thing a such expected happen . We to
8. to people . great the heartfelt condolences Offers
9. an assault . president called blasts Turkey's the
10. more could the instability . create Worried violence that

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts.html>

At least 207 people have been killed and 450 *injury / hurt* in separate explosions in Sri Lanka. The government said suicide bombers *were / be* responsible for the bombings. The blasts *took / happened* place in churches and hotels *crossed / across* the country on Sunday. Three churches were attacked *as / was* people were attending religious services for Easter, one of the most *important / importance* occasions in the Christian calendar. Three luxury hotels were also *target / targeted*. Sri Lanka's government has *imposed / composed* a curfew on the country. It asked people to be alert and report anything *suspicious / suspicion*. The government has also blocked social media websites to prevent the *spreads / spread* of misinformation. The government said police have *arresting / arrested* seven suspects.

World leaders have *condoned / condemned* the attacks. Pope Francis said: "I pray for the injured and all *those / them* who are suffering as a result of this dramatic *eventually / event*." The leader of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka told the BBC: "It's a very *difficult / difficulty* and a very sad situation for all of us because we never expected *such / this* a thing to happen, especially *in / on* Easter Sunday." US President Donald Trump tweeted: "The United States *offers / offering* heartfelt condolences to the great people of Sri Lanka. We *stand / stood* ready to help." The president of Turkey called the blasts "an assault on all *of / for* humanity". Sri Lanka's president said he is worried that the violence could create more instability in his country and in its *economical / economy*.

**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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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. SRI LANKA:** Make a poster about Sri Lanka. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TERRORISM:** Write a magazine article about raising taxes to help stop terrorism. 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 terrorism. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stop it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. hurt        | a. injured    |
| 2. attending   | b. going to   |
| 3. alert       | c. watchful   |
| 4. spread      | d. growth     |
| 5. prevent     | e. stop       |
| 6. condemned   | f. criticized |
| 7. sad         | g. sorrowful  |
| 8. expected    | h. believed   |
| 9. condolences | i. sympathy   |
| 10. worried    | j. concerned  |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 450
- Three
- Three
- A curfew
- Seven
- Pope Francis
- The leader of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka
- Condolences
- Turkey's president
- Instability

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

- More than 450 were hurt in separate explosions.
- People were attending religious services for Easter.
- The government imposed a curfew on the country.
- The government has also blocked social media websites.
- The government said police arrested seven suspects.
- All those who are suffering as a result.
- We never expected such a thing to happen.
- Offers heartfelt condolences to the great people.
- Turkey's president called the blasts an assault.
- Worried that the violence could create more instability.

## 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 ;-)