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**Level 5 – 7th August, 2019**

**Hong Kong protests 'extremely dangerous,' says leader**

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests-5.html>

Hong Kong's leader has voiced concerns about the ongoing protests taking place in the city. She said the public disorder is disrupting life and is pushing the city to "the verge of an extremely dangerous situation". Hong Kong was hit with more street demonstrations for the ninth weekend in a row. Protestors fought with police and there was a citywide strike. This caused a lot of disruption to roads and transport. Traffic was brought to a standstill on Monday as streets were blocked. Demonstrators made sure trains could not move by keeping their doors open. This angered many passengers.

The protests began in March against a proposed bill to allow the extradition of people to stand trial in mainland China. In July, protesters stormed the Hong Kong legislature building. They broke glass walls, metal doors and caused damage by spray-painting slogans and defacing flags and paintings. A government spokesperson condemned the latest demonstrators. He said: "Their conduct has blatantly offended the...national dignity, wantonly trampled on the...'one country, two systems' principle, and greatly hurt the feelings of the entire Chinese people."

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-hongkong-protests-lam/hong-kong-leader-says-protests-are-challenging-chinas-sovereignty-idUSKCN1UV04W>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Hong Kong's leader has voiced   | a. disrupting life     |
| 2. the ongoing protests            | b. to roads            |
| 3. public disorder is              | c. many passengers     |
| 4. pushing the city                | d. dangerous situation |
| 5. an extremely                    | e. in a row            |
| 6. for the ninth weekend           | f. concerns            |
| 7. This caused a lot of disruption | g. to the verge        |
| 8. This angered                    | h. taking place        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. allow the extradition of people  | a. the national dignity  |
| 2. protesters stormed the Hong Kong | b. entire Chinese people |
| 3. spray-                           | c. and paintings         |
| 4. defacing flags                   | d. to stand trial        |
| 5. A government                     | e. principle             |
| 6. blatantly offended               | f. legislature           |
| 7. the...'one country, two systems' | g. spokesperson          |
| 8. hurt the feelings of the         | h. painting slogans      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests-5.html>

Hong Kong's leader (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about the ongoing protests taking place in the city. She said the public disorder (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and is pushing the city to "(3) \_\_\_\_\_ an extremely dangerous situation". Hong Kong was hit with more street demonstrations for the ninth weekend (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Protestors fought with police and there was a citywide strike. This caused a lot of disruption to roads and transport. Traffic was brought (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday as streets were blocked. Demonstrators made sure trains could not (6) \_\_\_\_\_ their doors open. This angered many passengers.

The protests began in March against a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ allow the extradition of people to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ mainland China. In July, protesters stormed the Hong Kong legislature building. They broke glass walls, metal doors and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ spray-painting slogans and defacing flags and paintings. A government spokesperson condemned the latest demonstrators. He said: "Their (10) \_\_\_\_\_ offended (11) \_\_\_\_\_, wantonly trampled on the...'one country, two systems' principle, and greatly (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of the entire Chinese people."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PROTESTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests-4.html>

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

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests-5.html>

Write about **protests** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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