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Level 4 – 2nd June, 2020

African Union condemns killing of George Floyd

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The killing of George Floyd in the USA has shocked the world. Mr Floyd, a handcuffed black man, died after a police officer knelt on his neck for over eight minutes. Days of rioting and clashes with police followed. Protests have spread across America. Mr Floyd's killing led the African Union Commission to take the unusual step of attacking what it called "murder" and the "continuing discriminatory practices against black citizens".

A news agency wrote: "It is rare for U.S. embassies abroad to weigh in on domestic U.S. issues. But in this case, the embassies were compelled to respond after...African leaders reacted to Floyd's death with anger." One ambassador wrote: "I am profoundly troubled by the tragic death....The Justice Department is conducting a full criminal investigation as a top priority. Security forces around the world should be held accountable. No one is above the law."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. shocked the | a. and clashes |
| 2. a handcuffed | b. black citizens |
| 3. a police officer knelt | c. world |
| 4. Days of rioting | d. across America |
| 5. Protests have spread | e. called "murder" |
| 6. take the unusual | f. black man |
| 7. attacking what it | g. step |
| 8. discriminatory practices against | h. on his neck |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. weigh in | a. forces |
| 2. embassies were compelled | b. the tragic death |
| 3. leaders reacted to Floyd's | c. accountable |
| 4. I am profoundly troubled by | d. investigation |
| 5. conducting a full criminal | e. the law |
| 6. Security | f. death with anger |
| 7. be held | g. on domestic U.S. issues |
| 8. No one is above | h. to respond |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The killing of George Floyd in the USA has (1) _____. Mr Floyd, a handcuffed black man, died after a police (2) _____ his neck for over eight minutes. Days of (3) _____ with police followed. Protests (4) _____ America. Mr Floyd's killing led the African Union Commission to take (5) _____ of attacking what it called "murder" and the "continuing discriminatory practices (6) _____".

A news agency wrote: "It is rare for U.S. embassies (7) _____ in on domestic U.S. issues. But in this case, the embassies were (8) _____ after...African leaders reacted to Floyd's (9) _____." One ambassador wrote: "I am profoundly troubled by (10) _____. The Justice Department is conducting a full criminal investigation as (11) _____. Security forces around the world should be held accountable. No one is (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE AFRICAN UNION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the African Union 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) _____

