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Level 4 – 18th July, 2020

Ethiopia's River Nile dam upsets Egypt

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam-4.html>

A dam is increasing tensions between Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan. There are fears that filling the dam across the Blue Nile in Ethiopia could lead to war. Ethiopia needs the dam to supply electricity to its rural areas. It will be Africa's largest hydroelectric dam. Egypt says the dam is an "existential threat". It worries the dam will reduce its water supplies. Most of Egypt's water comes from the Nile. This is important when there is a drought.

The Blue Nile originates in natural springs in Ethiopia. It merges with the White Nile near Khartoum in Sudan and becomes the River Nile. Ethiopia calls the dam an "existential necessity". Nearly half the country's population has no electricity. Egypt said it could share electricity with Ethiopia instead of using the dam. A politician said: "One nation's need for electricity is pinned to another nation's need for water."

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/egypt-ethiopia-nile-dam-sudan-conflict-war-al-sisi-a9620041.html>
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<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1705251/middle-east>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A dam is increasing | a. rural areas |
| 2. lead to | b. from the Nile |
| 3. supply electricity to its | c. tensions |
| 4. Africa's largest hydroelectric | d. drought |
| 5. Egypt says the dam is an | e. war |
| 6. reduce its water | f. dam |
| 7. Most of Egypt's water comes | g. "existential threat" |
| 8. when there is a | h. supplies |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. originates in natural | a. with the White Nile |
| 2. It merges | b. electricity |
| 3. an existential | c. population |
| 4. Nearly half the country's | d. of using the dam |
| 5. Egypt said it could | e. for water |
| 6. instead | f. share electricity |
| 7. One nation's need for | g. springs |
| 8. another nation's need | h. necessity |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A dam (1) _____ between Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan.

There are (2) _____ the dam across the Blue Nile in

Ethiopia could lead to war. Ethiopia needs the (3) _____

electricity to (4) _____. It will be Africa's largest

hydroelectric dam. Egypt says the dam is (5) _____. It

worries the dam will reduce (6) _____. Most of Egypt's

water comes from the Nile. This is important when there is a drought.

The Blue Nile (7) _____ springs in Ethiopia. It merges

with the White Nile near Khartoum in Sudan (8) _____

River Nile. Ethiopia calls the dam (9) _____. Nearly half

the country's (10) _____ electricity. Egypt said it could

share electricity with Ethiopia (11) _____ the dam. A

politician said: "One nation's need for electricity (12)

_____ another nation's need for water."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DAMS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about dams 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) _____

