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India and Russia share chess gold medal after Internet fails

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The gold medal for the 44th Chess Olympiad went to India and Russia. This happened because of an Internet glitch. The Olympiad happens every two years to find the best chess-playing nation in the world. This year it was online for the first time because of coronavirus. Some games in the final came to an end after two Indian players lost their Internet connection. Officials at the tournament said they had to award the gold medal to the two countries because it was fair. The Indian players lost time when their Internet connection failed.

This year's Chess Olympiad had teams from over 160 countries take part. The final was the second time teams had technical problems. A player from Armenia was disconnected during a quarter-final match. Officials rejected his appeal for more time so Armenia withdrew from the competition in protest. Officials said there were "unprecedented circumstances" in the final. They said a, "global Internet outage severely affected" two of the Indian players in the final. They added that the lost connection happened, "when the outcome of the match was still unclear".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. because of an Internet | a. came to an end |
| 2. The Olympiad happens | b. lost time |
| 3. the best chess- | c. for the first time |
| 4. This year it was online | d. the gold medal |
| 5. because of | e. glitch |
| 6. Some games in the final | f. every two years |
| 7. they had to award | g. playing nation |
| 8. The Indian players | h. coronavirus |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. teams from over 160 countries | a. outage |
| 2. during a quarter- | b. connection |
| 3. Officials rejected his appeal | c. take part |
| 4. unprecedented | d. was still unclear |
| 5. a, global Internet | e. final match |
| 6. the Indian players | f. circumstances |
| 7. the lost | g. in the final |
| 8. the outcome of the match | h. for more time |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The gold medal for the 44th Chess Olympiad (1) _____ and Russia. This happened because of an Internet glitch. The Olympiad (2) _____ years to find the best chess-(3) _____ the world. This year it was online for the first time because of coronavirus. Some games in the final came (4) _____ after two Indian players lost their Internet connection. Officials at the tournament said they (5) _____ the gold medal to the two countries because it was fair. The Indian players (6) _____ their Internet connection failed.

This year's Chess Olympiad (7) _____ over 160 countries take part. The final was the second time teams (8) _____. A player from Armenia was disconnected during a quarter-final match. Officials (9) _____ for more time so Armenia withdrew from the (10) _____. Officials said there were "unprecedented circumstances" in the final. They said a, "global Internet (11) _____" two of the Indian players in the final. They added that the lost connection happened, "when the outcome of the match (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHESS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about chess 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

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