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Level 4 – 13th December, 2020

India sees the biggest protest in history

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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/2012/201213-farmers-protests-4.html>

A protest in India could be the largest in human history. Tens of thousands of farmers took to the streets of India's capital city to protest about new laws. Another 250 million people from a cross-section of society joined a 24-hour general strike. They came from all walks of life. They wanted to show solidarity with the farmers. The size of the protest made the government meet the protesters face-to-face rather than call in the police.

India's farmers are furious about agricultural reforms that will shake up India's farming society. Farmers are accusing the government of ignoring them for the benefit of big agribusiness. Their protests around Delhi look like a blockade of the city. A farmers' union said: "We will block rail tracks if our demands are not met." It said agriculture was too important to play party politics with. The government said it was optimistic about finding a compromise.

Sources: <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2020/12/india-farmer-protests-modi.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the largest in human | a. the protest |
| 2. farmers took | b. hour general strike |
| 3. joined a 24- | c. face-to-face |
| 4. They came from all walks | d. history |
| 5. show solidarity | e. call in the police |
| 6. The size of | f. of life |
| 7. meet the protesters | g. with the farmers |
| 8. rather than | h. to the streets |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. furious about agricultural | a. politics |
| 2. accusing the government | b. are not met |
| 3. a blockade | c. compromise |
| 4. if our demands | d. reforms |
| 5. It said agriculture was too | e. was optimistic |
| 6. play party | f. of the city |
| 7. The government said it | g. important |
| 8. finding a | h. of ignoring them |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A protest in India could be (1) _____ human history.

Tens of thousands (2) _____ to the streets of India's

capital city (3) _____ new laws. Another 250 million

people from (4) _____ society joined a 24-hour general

strike. They came from (5) _____ life. They wanted to

show solidarity with the farmers. The size of the protest made the

government meet the protesters face-to-face (6) _____

in the police.

India's (7) _____ about agricultural reforms that

(8) _____ India's farming society. Farmers are accusing

the government (9) _____ for the benefit of big agri-

business. Their protests around Delhi look (10) _____ of

the city. A farmers' union said: "We will block rail tracks if our

(11) _____ met." It said agriculture was too important

to play party politics with. The government said it

(12) _____ finding a compromise.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PROTESTS SURVEY

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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) _____

