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Level 4 – 11th June, 2021

Tigray on brink of famine, warns U.N.

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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 U.N. has warned that Ethiopia's northern Tigray region is on the brink of famine. In addition to facing starvation, people in Tigray have to suffer additional hardships because of a military conflict. In November, the Tigray People's Liberation Front started fighting Ethiopia's army to overthrow the government. This escalated into the Tigray War. It has caused instability in the region and has increased people's suffering.

The U.N. warned the situation would worsen unless funding is increased and humanitarian access is improved. It said hundreds of thousands of people could die. It added that businesses, the economy, crops and farms have been destroyed. A farmer said: "We are eating small remains of crops...but now we don't have anything. Nobody has given us any aid. Almost everyone is on the verge of death....Death is knocking on our door."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-57397901>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Ethiopia's northern Tigray | a. government |
| 2. suffer additional | b. in the region |
| 3. a military | c. hardships |
| 4. fighting Ethiopia's | d. suffering |
| 5. overthrow the | e. army |
| 6. This escalated into | f. region |
| 7. It has caused instability | g. the Tigray War |
| 8. increased people's | h. conflict |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The U.N. warned the situation | a. access |
| 2. unless funding is | b. destroyed |
| 3. humanitarian | c. on our door |
| 4. hundreds of | d. would worsen |
| 5. farms have been | e. increased |
| 6. Nobody has given | f. of death |
| 7. everyone is on the verge | g. thousands of people |
| 8. Death is knocking | h. us any aid |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war-4.html>

The U.N. (1) _____ Ethiopia's northern Tigray region is on the brink of famine. In (2) _____ starvation, people in Tigray have (3) _____ hardships because of a military conflict. In November, the Tigray (4) _____ started fighting Ethiopia's army (5) _____ government. This escalated into the Tigray War. It (6) _____ in the region and has increased people's suffering.

The U.N. (7) _____ would worsen unless funding is increased and humanitarian (8) _____. It said hundreds of thousands of people could die. It (9) _____, the economy, (10) _____ have been destroyed. A farmer said: "We are (11) _____ of crops...but now we don't have anything. Nobody has given us any aid. Almost everyone is on the (12) _____....Death is knocking on our door."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WAR SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about war 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) _____

