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Level 5 – 11th June, 2021

Tigray on brink of famine, warns U.N.

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The U.N. has warned that people in Ethiopia's Tigray region are on the brink of a famine. The northern state of Tigray is home to the Tigrayan, Irob and Kunama peoples. In addition to facing starvation, people in Tigray have had to endure additional hardships because of a military conflict. In November, the Tigray People's Liberation Front started fighting Ethiopia's army to overthrow the government. Neighbouring Eritrea joined on the side of Ethiopia. This escalated into the Tigray War. It has caused instability in the region and has increased people's suffering.

The U.N. warned that: "The situation will only keep getting worse unless needed funding is increased and humanitarian access is improved." It added: "People need to wake up. There is now the risk of a loss of life running into the hundreds of thousands or worse." It said businesses, the economy, crops and farms have been destroyed. A farmer in Tigray said: "We are eating small remains of crops that we have managed to hide, 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. The northern | a. side of Ethiopia |
| 2. In addition to facing | b. hardships |
| 3. had to endure additional | c. the Tigray War |
| 4. military | d. starvation |
| 5. overthrow the | e. state of Tigray |
| 6. Eritrea joined on the | f. in the region |
| 7. This escalated into | g. government |
| 8. It has caused instability | h. conflict |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The situation will only keep | a. been destroyed |
| 2. humanitarian | b. of death |
| 3. There is now the risk of | c. of thousands |
| 4. running into the hundreds | d. our door |
| 5. crops and farms have | e. a loss of life |
| 6. Nobody has given us | f. getting worse |
| 7. everyone is on the verge | g. any aid |
| 8. Death is knocking on | h. access |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.N. (1) _____ people in Ethiopia's Tigray (2) _____ the brink of a famine. The northern state of Tigray is home to the Tigrayan, Irob and Kunama peoples. (3) _____ facing starvation, people in Tigray have had to endure additional hardships because of (4) _____. In November, the Tigray People's Liberation Front started fighting Ethiopia's (5) _____ the government. Neighbouring Eritrea joined on the side of Ethiopia. This escalated into the Tigray War. It has (6) _____ the region and has increased people's suffering.

The U.N. warned that: "The situation will only (7) _____ unless needed funding is increased and humanitarian (8) _____." It added: "People need to wake up. There is now the risk of a (9) _____ running into the (10) _____ or worse." It said businesses, the economy, crops and farms have been destroyed. A farmer in Tigray said: "We are eating small (11) _____ that we have managed to hide, 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

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

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) _____

