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Level 1 – 8th August, 2021

Taliban capture first Afghan provincial capital city

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Taliban now control a provincial capital city in Afghanistan. This is the first time since 2001. There were not enough Afghan soldiers in the city of Zaranj to fight them. The Taliban said it was an important day. This victory will help Taliban fighters in other provinces. It said: "This is just the beginning. Other provinces will fall into our hands." There is heavy fighting in other cities. The Taliban may soon fight for the nation's capital Kabul.

US-led forces beat the Taliban in 2001. Western countries spent 20 years training the Afghan army and police to keep the country safe. However, the Taliban never gave up fighting. The USA and UK are now pulling their soldiers out of Afghanistan after 20 years. The United Nations says the fighting has entered "a new, deadlier, and more destructive phase". It warned that the country was heading for disaster.

Sources: <https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2021/08/06/asia/afghanistan-taliban-zaranj-nimroz-intl/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. This is the first time | a. into our hands |
| 2. The Taliban said it was an | b. since 2001 |
| 3. This victory will help | c. capital Kabul |
| 4. This is just the | d. important day |
| 5. Other provinces will fall | e. in other cities |
| 6. There is heavy fighting | f. soon fight |
| 7. The Taliban may | g. beginning |
| 8. the nation's | h. Taliban fighters |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. US-led forces beat | a. destructive phase |
| 2. Western countries spent | b. safe |
| 3. training the Afghan | c. 20 years |
| 4. keep the country | d. for disaster |
| 5. the Taliban never gave | e. of Afghanistan |
| 6. pulling their soldiers out | f. the Taliban |
| 7. a new, deadlier, and more | g. up fighting |
| 8. the country was heading | h. army |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Taliban (1) _____ provincial capital city in Afghanistan. This is the (2) _____ 2001. There were not enough Afghan soldiers in the city of Zaranj (3) _____. The Taliban said it was an important day. This victory will help Taliban fighters (4) _____. It said: "This is just the beginning. Other provinces will fall (5) _____." There is heavy fighting in other cities. The Taliban (6) _____ for the nation's capital Kabul.

US-led (7) _____ Taliban in 2001. Western countries spent 20 years training the Afghan (8) _____ to keep the country safe. However, the Taliban never gave up fighting. The USA and UK (9) _____ their soldiers out of Afghanistan after 20 years. The United Nations says (10) _____ entered "a new, deadlier, (11) _____ phase". It warned that the country was (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AFGHANISTAN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210808-afghanistan-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Afghanistan 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) _____

