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Level 4 – 12th May 2025

Pakistan and India agree to ceasefire

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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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Pakistan and India have announced a ceasefire. The two nuclear-armed nations have come close to war. This is because of an attack on India-controlled Kashmir in which 26 civilians died. India blamed Pakistan for the attack. Pakistan strongly denied this. Both countries have launched strikes on each other. Pakistan said it targeted military sites in India after India fired missiles at air bases in Pakistan.

Both countries are accusing each other of violating the truce. Pakistan said the country is "committed to a faithful implementation of the ceasefire". India said it was sticking to the truce. It said India would retaliate if it was attacked. It warned it was "ready to launch whatever operations may be required in defence of the nation". Donald Trump urged both parties to find ways to de-escalate the situation. He offered assistance in starting talks.

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Pakistan and India have announced | a. controlled Kashmir |
| 2. The two nuclear- | b. denied this |
| 3. come close | c. armed nations |
| 4. an attack on India- | d. bases in Pakistan |
| 5. India blamed Pakistan | e. strikes on each other |
| 6. Pakistan strongly | f. a ceasefire |
| 7. Both countries have launched | g. to war |
| 8. air | h. for the attack |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Both countries are accusing | a. it was attacked |
| 2. violating the | b. of the ceasefire |
| 3. Pakistan said the country | c. the situation |
| 4. a faithful implementation | d. truce |
| 5. it was sticking | e. be required |
| 6. India would retaliate if | f. each other |
| 7. launch whatever operations may | g. to the truce |
| 8. find ways to de-escalate | h. is committed |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pakistan and India have (1) _____. The two nuclear-armed nations have come (2) _____. This is because of an attack on India-controlled Kashmir in (3) _____ died. India blamed Pakistan for the attack. Pakistan (4) _____. Both countries have (5) _____ each other. Pakistan said it targeted military sites in India after India fired missiles (6) _____ in Pakistan.

Both countries (7) _____ other of violating the truce. Pakistan said the country is "committed (8) _____ implementation of the ceasefire". India said it was sticking (9) _____. It said India would retaliate if it was attacked. It warned it was "(10) _____ whatever operations may be required in defence of the nation". Donald Trump (11) _____ to find ways to de-escalate the situation. He offered (12) _____ talks.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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INDIA AND PAKISTAN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about India and Pakistan 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) _____

