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Level 5 – 12th May 2025

Pakistan and India agree to ceasefire

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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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Pakistan and India have announced a ceasefire. The two nuclear-armed nations have come close to war in recent weeks. This is because of an attack on India-controlled Kashmir in April, which left 26 civilians dead. India blamed Pakistan for the attack. Pakistan strongly denied the allegations. Both countries have launched military strikes on each other since the attack. Pakistan said it targeted military sites in India after India fired missiles at air bases in Pakistan's Punjab province. This increased fears that tensions might lead to a more dangerous regional conflict.

The ceasefire is looking fragile. Both sides are accusing each other of violating it. Pakistan said the country "remains committed to a faithful implementation of the ceasefire". A spokesman for India's military denied it was not adhering to the truce. He said India would retaliate if it was attacked. He warned: "We remain fully operationally 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 constructive talks".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Pakistan and India have announced | a. military strikes |
| 2. The two nuclear- | b. regional conflict |
| 3. come close to war | c. for the attack |
| 4. India blamed Pakistan | d. armed nations |
| 5. Pakistan strongly denied | e. in recent weeks |
| 6. Both countries have launched | f. bases |
| 7. fired missiles at air | g. the allegations |
| 8. lead to a more dangerous | h. a ceasefire |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The ceasefire is looking | a. denied it |
| 2. Both sides are accusing each other | b. committed |
| 3. Pakistan said the country remains | c. of the ceasefire |
| 4. a faithful implementation | d. to the truce |
| 5. A spokesman for India's military | e. may be required |
| 6. it was not adhering | f. fragile |
| 7. launch whatever operations | g. the situation |
| 8. find ways to de-escalate | h. of violating it |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pakistan and India have (1) _____. The two nuclear-armed nations have come (2) _____ in recent weeks. This is because of an attack on India-controlled Kashmir in April, which (3) _____ dead. India blamed Pakistan for the attack. Pakistan strongly (4) _____. Both countries have launched military strikes on each other since the attack. Pakistan said it (5) _____ in India after India fired missiles at air bases in Pakistan's Punjab province. This increased fears that tensions might lead to a more (6) _____.

The ceasefire (7) _____. Both sides are accusing each other (8) _____. Pakistan said the country "remains committed to a faithful implementation of the ceasefire". A spokesman for India's (9) _____ was not adhering to the truce. He said India (10) _____ it was attacked. He warned: "We remain fully operationally ready to launch whatever operations may be (11) _____ of the nation". Donald Trump urged both parties to find ways to de-escalate the situation. (12) _____ "in starting constructive 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) _____

