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Level 4 – 13th October 2025

Half a million Palestinians returning to Gaza City

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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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Half a million Palestinians are returning to Gaza City following the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The truce was because of talks between Israel, Hamas, the USA, and Arab nations. It was orchestrated by Donald Trump. Stage one of the deal involves the Israeli army leaving a large section of Gaza, and for Hamas to release 48 Israeli hostages. The end of fighting means hundreds of thousands of Palestinians can go to Gaza City, most of which is in ruins.

Emotions are still running high. Alongside the release of the hostages, nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners will be freed. The relative of a hostage told reporters: "I have yet to process it all. I am naturally happy that this nightmare may soon be over." Gaza City residents are relieved, despite having almost no infrastructure, no electricity, and no running water. However, one resident was cautious after having moved 20 times in the past two years.

Sources: <https://nypost.com/2025/10/09/world-news/families-of-hamas-hostages-feel-mix-of-joy-and-unease/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. following the ceasefire | a. of thousands |
| 2. Israel, Hamas, the USA, | b. by Donald Trump |
| 3. It was orchestrated | c. section of Gaza |
| 4. Stage one | d. is in ruins |
| 5. leaving a large | e. and Arab nations |
| 6. release 48 | f. of the deal |
| 7. hundreds | g. Israeli hostages |
| 8. most of which | h. between Israel and Hamas |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Emotions are still | a. was cautious |
| 2. Alongside the release | b. process it all |
| 3. prisoners will | c. of the hostages |
| 4. I have yet to | d. relieved |
| 5. this nightmare may | e. running high |
| 6. Gaza City residents are | f. water |
| 7. no running | g. soon be over |
| 8. one resident | h. be freed |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ Palestinians are returning to Gaza City following the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The (2) _____ of talks between Israel, Hamas, the USA, and Arab nations. It (3) _____ Donald Trump. Stage one of the deal involves the Israeli army leaving a (4) _____ Gaza, and for Hamas to release 48 Israeli hostages. The (5) _____ means hundreds of thousands of Palestinians can go to Gaza City, most of which (6) _____.

Emotions are (7) _____. Alongside the release of the hostages, nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners (8) _____. The relative of a hostage told reporters: "I have yet to process it all. I am naturally happy (9) _____ may soon be over." Gaza City residents are relieved, despite having (10) _____, no electricity, and (11) _____. However, one resident was cautious (12) _____ 20 times in the past two years.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GAZA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Gaza 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Gaza** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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