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Level 5 – 13th October 2025

Half a million Palestinians returning to Gaza City

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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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Half a million Palestinians are returning to Gaza City following the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The truce was because of extensive negotiations between Israel, Hamas, the USA, and Arab nations. It was orchestrated by Donald Trump. He hopes to bring peace to the region. Stage one of the peace deal involves the Israeli military leaving a large section of Gaza, and for Hamas to release 48 hostages. The ending of military action has allowed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to go to Gaza City, most of which is in ruins after two years of the conflict.

Emotions have been running high in recent days. Alongside the release of the Israeli hostages, nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners are expected to be freed. The brother-in-law of a hostage told the New York Post: "I have yet to process it all. I am naturally happy that this nightmare may soon be over." Gaza City residents are relieved, despite the destruction, almost no infrastructure, no electricity, and no running water. One resident said: "I pray that God relieves our sorrow and distress." Another man was more 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 the peace deal |
| 2. The truce was because of | b. by Donald Trump |
| 3. It was orchestrated | c. 48 hostages |
| 4. He hopes to bring | d. section of Gaza |
| 5. Stage one | e. peace to the region |
| 6. leaving a large | f. between Israel and Hamas |
| 7. release | g. of thousands |
| 8. hundreds | h. extensive negotiations |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Emotions have been | a. cautious |
| 2. Alongside the release | b. soon be over |
| 3. I have yet to process | c. in the past two years |
| 4. this nightmare may | d. it all |
| 5. almost no | e. our sorrow and distress |
| 6. I pray that God relieves | f. running high |
| 7. Another man was more | g. infrastructure |
| 8. moved 20 times | h. of the Israeli hostages |

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 truce was because (2) _____ between Israel, Hamas, the USA, and Arab nations. It (3) _____ Donald Trump. He hopes to bring peace to the region. Stage one of the peace deal involves the Israeli (4) _____ large section of Gaza, and for Hamas to release 48 hostages. The ending of military action has allowed (5) _____ of Palestinians to go to Gaza City, most of which is in ruins after two years (6) _____.

Emotions have been running (7) _____ days. Alongside the release of the Israeli hostages, nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners are (8) _____ freed. The brother-in-law of a hostage told the New York Post: "I have yet to process it all. I am naturally happy (9) _____ may soon be over." Gaza City (10) _____, despite the destruction, almost no infrastructure, no electricity, and no running water. One resident said: "I pray that God relieves our (11) _____." Another man was (12) _____ having moved 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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