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Half a million Palestinians returning to Gaza City

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

Around half a million Palestinians are returning to Gaza City following the start of a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The truce followed extensive efforts and negotiations between Israel, Hamas, the USA, and Arab nations. The deal was orchestrated by US President Donald Trump, who hopes to bring peace to the region. The first phase of his peace deal involved the withdrawal of Israeli military from a large section of Gaza, and for Hamas to release the 48 hostages remaining in captivity. The laying down of arms has allowed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to head north to Gaza City, most of which is in ruins after two years of being bombarded and reduced to rubble.

Emotions have been running high in recent days among Israelis and Palestinians. Alongside the release of the Israeli hostages, nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners and detainees are expected to be freed. The brother-in-law of hostage Omri Miran 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 to be able to return home, despite the widespread destruction, almost no infrastructure, no electricity, and no running water. One resident said: "I pray that God relieves our sorrow and distress, and that people return to their homes." Another man was more cautious after being displaced 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/>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2025/10/10/world/palestinians-returning-gaza-city-intl>
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WARM-UPS

1. CEASEFIRES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ceasefires. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Palestinians / Gaza / ceasefire / negotiations / peace / region / hostages / ruins / emotions / in recent days / prisoners / nightmare / relieved / infrastructure / cautious

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. EVERLASTING PEACE: Students A **strongly** believe there will soon be everlasting peace in the Middle East; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ROLES: What roles do these players have in maintaining peace in Gaza? What do they need to do from now? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Role	Actions from now
Israel		
Hamas		
The USA		
The UN		
Qatar		
European Union		

5. GAZA: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Gaza". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. REBUILDING: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important infrastructure Gaza needs at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Roads
- Police stations
- Schools
- Railway stations
- Hospitals
- Courts
- Airports
- Ports

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. truce | a. Broken pieces of stone, brick, or buildings. |
| 2. extensive | b. An agreement to stop fighting for a time. |
| 3. negotiations | c. The act of moving back or leaving a place. |
| 4. orchestrated | d. Very big or covering a large area. |
| 5. withdrawal | e. Carefully planned and organized. |
| 6. captivity | f. Talks between people or groups to reach an agreement. |
| 7. rubble | g. The state of being kept as a prisoner or not free. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. detainees | h. People kept by the police or army and not free to leave. |
| 9. nightmare | i. Forced to leave home and live somewhere else. |
| 10. relieved | j. A very bad or scary dream. |
| 11. destruction | k. A strong feeling of sadness. |
| 12. infrastructure | l. Feeling happy or calm after worry or fear. |
| 13. sorrow | m. Great damage; when something is ruined or broken. |
| 14. displaced | n. The basic systems a country needs, like roads and power. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Half a million people live in Gaza. **T / F**
2. The first stage of the ceasefire involves Israel's army leaving all of Gaza. **T / F**
3. Hamas must release 48 hostages as part of the ceasefire. **T / F**
4. The article says Gaza City has been hit by bombs for the past two years. **T / F**
5. The ceasefire requires Israel to release almost 2,000 prisoners. **T / F**
6. An Israeli man said he is happy the nightmare might soon be over. **T / F**
7. Only half of Gaza City has electricity. **T / F**
8. A Gaza City resident has moved 20 times in the past two years. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. returning | a. freeing |
| 2. ceasefire | b. area |
| 3. extensive | c. wary |
| 4. section | d. truce |
| 5. bombarded | e. sadness |
| 6. release | f. comprehensive |
| 7. nightmare | g. relocated |
| 8. sorrow | h. going back |
| 9. cautious | i. horror |
| 10. displaced | j. shelled |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. extensive efforts | a. his peace deal |
| 2. The first phase of | b. and distress |
| 3. the 48 hostages remaining | c. high in recent days |
| 4. in ruins after two years | d. rubble |
| 5. reduced to | e. destruction |
| 6. Emotions have been running | f. in captivity |
| 7. Alongside the release | g. soon be over |
| 8. this nightmare may | h. of being bombarded |
| 9. widespread | i. of the Israeli hostages |
| 10. I pray that God relieves our sorrow | j. and negotiations |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

Around half a million Palestinians are returning to Gaza City (1) _____ the start of a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The (2) _____ followed extensive efforts and negotiations between Israel, Hamas, the USA, and Arab nations. The deal was (3) _____ by US President Donald Trump, who hopes to bring peace to the (4) _____. The first phase of his peace deal involved the withdrawal of Israeli military from a large (5) _____ of Gaza, and for Hamas to release the 48 hostages remaining in (6) _____. The laying down of arms has allowed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to head north to Gaza City, most of which is in (7) _____ after two years of being bombarded and (8) _____ to rubble.

region
captivity
following
reduced
orchestrated
truce
ruins
section

Emotions have been running (9) _____ in recent days among Israelis and Palestinians. Alongside the release of the Israeli hostages, nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners and (10) _____ are expected to be freed. The brother-in-law of hostage Omri Miran told the New York Post: "I have yet to (11) _____ it all. I am naturally happy that this (12) _____ may soon be over." Gaza City residents are relieved to be able to return home, despite the widespread destruction, almost no (13) _____, no electricity, and no (14) _____ water. One resident said: "I pray that God relieves our (15) _____ and distress, and that people return to their homes." Another man was more (16) _____ after being displaced 20 times in the past two years.

nightmare
high
running
process
cautious
infrastructure
sorrow
detainees

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

- 1) the start of a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The truce _____
 - a. followed expensive efforts
 - b. followed extensive efforts
 - c. followed extents live efforts
 - d. follow extensive efforts
- 2) by US President Donald Trump, who hopes to bring peace _____
 - a. to a region
 - b. to the regional
 - c. to the legion
 - d. to the region
- 3) The first phase of his peace deal _____
 - a. involve the withdrawal
 - b. involved the wherewithal
 - c. involved the withdrawal
 - d. involved the with drawl
- 4) and for Hamas to release the 48 hostages _____
 - a. remaining in captivity
 - b. remaining on captivity
 - c. remain inner captivity
 - d. remaining a captivity
- 5) in ruins after two years of being bombarded and _____
 - a. reduced to rabble
 - b. reduced to rubble
 - c. reduced to trouble
 - d. deduced to rubble
- 6) nearly 2,000 Palestinian _____
 - a. prisoners end detainees
 - b. prisoners and detains
 - c. prisoners and detainees
 - d. prisoner and detainees
- 7) I have yet to process it all. I am naturally happy that this nightmare may _____
 - a. soon be above
 - b. soon be over
 - c. soon be end
 - d. soon be other
- 8) widespread destruction, almost no infrastructure, no electricity, and _____
 - a. no ruining water
 - b. no raining water
 - c. no reigning water
 - d. no running water
- 9) One resident said: "I pray that God relieves our _____"
 - a. sorrowed and distress
 - b. sorrow and distress
 - c. sorrow and distressed
 - d. sorrowed and distressed
- 10) Another man was more cautious after being _____
 - a. misplaced 20 times
 - b. placed 20 times
 - c. replaced 20 times
 - d. displaced 20 times

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

Around half a million Palestinians are returning to Gaza City

(1) _____ of a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

The truce followed (2) _____ negotiations between

Israel, Hamas, the USA, and Arab nations. The deal

(3) _____ US President Donald Trump, who hopes to

bring peace to the region. The first phase of his peace deal

(4) _____ of Israeli military from a large section of

Gaza, and for Hamas to release the 48 hostages remaining in captivity. The

(5) _____ arms has allowed hundreds of thousands of

Palestinians to head north to Gaza City, most of which is in ruins after two

years of being bombarded and (6) _____.

Emotions have been running (7) _____ days among

Israelis and Palestinians. Alongside the release of the Israeli hostages,

nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners (8) _____ expected

to be freed. The brother-in-law of hostage Omri Miran told the New York

Post: "I have (9) _____ it all. I am naturally happy

that this nightmare may soon be over." Gaza City residents are relieved to

be able to return home, (10) _____ destruction,

almost no infrastructure, no electricity, and no running water. One resident

said: "I pray that God (11) _____ and distress, and

that people return to their homes." Another man was more

(12) _____ displaced 20 times in the past two years.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

1. What did the truce follow?
2. Who orchestrated the truce?
3. What must Israel's army leave in the first phase of the truce?
4. What was laid down to facilitate the return of Gaza City residents?
5. What does the article say happened to Gaza City in the past two years?
6. What have emotions been doing recently?
7. What did an Israeli man say he was happy about being over?
8. What does Gaza City not have besides infrastructure and electricity?
9. What did a Gaza City resident pray God would relieve?
10. How many times has a Gaza City resident been displaced in two years?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

- 1) What did the truce follow?
 - a) a plea from a child
 - b) extensive efforts and negotiations
 - c) a phone call
 - d) an online petition
- 2) Who orchestrated the truce?
 - a) The leader of the EU
 - b) the United Nations
 - c) the emir of Qatar
 - d) Donald Trump
- 3) What must Israel's army leave in the first phase of the truce?
 - a) a large section of Gaza
 - b) all border areas
 - c) Gaza City
 - d) Gaza's airport
- 4) What was laid down to facilitate the return of Gaza City residents?
 - a) wreaths
 - b) a law
 - c) arms
 - d) a challenge
- 5) What does the article say happened to Gaza City in the past two years?
 - a) It was swamped.
 - b) It was bombarded.
 - c) It was plagued.
 - d) It was hounded.
- 6) What have emotions been doing recently?
 - a) running high
 - b) fluctuating
 - c) calming
 - d) drained
- 7) What did an Israeli man say he was happy about being over?
 - a) his insomnia
 - b) sleepless nights
 - c) the nightmare
 - d) being afraid
- 8) What does Gaza City not have besides infrastructure and electricity?
 - a) running water
 - b) fresh air
 - c) places to grow vegetables
 - d) hope
- 9) What did a Gaza City resident pray God would relieve?
 - a) sorrow and distress
 - b) his aches and pain
 - c) his fears
 - d) aching soul
- 10) How many times has a Gaza City resident been displaced in two years?
 - a) ten times
 - b) a dozen times
 - c) eighteen times
 - d) twenty times

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Roads

You think the new Gaza is most in need of roads. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): schools, hospitals or ports.

Role B – Schools

You think the new Gaza is most in need of schools. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): roads, hospitals or ports.

Role C – Hospitals

You think the new Gaza is most in need of hospitals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): schools, roads or ports.

Role D – Ports

You think the new Gaza is most in need of ports. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): schools, hospitals or roads.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'peace' and 'ceasefire'.

peace	ceasefire

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• following• efforts• first• large• arms• two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• high• nearly• yet• almost• pray• cautious
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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.

GAZA DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Gaza'?
3. What do you think of the ceasefire?
4. How hopeful are you that the ceasefire will lead to peace?
5. Who should lead the efforts to rebuild Gaza?
6. What will bring everlasting peace to the region?
7. How might peace in the Middle East change the world?
8. What do you think Gaza will be like in ten years from now?
9. What do hope Gaza will be like in ten years from now?
10. What advice do you have for people who live in Gaza?

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GAZA DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'ceasefire'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Gaza?
15. What do you know about the history of the Palestinians and Israelis?
16. What problems might there be in the rebuilding of Gaza?
17. What can you do to help?
18. What do you think of the leaders in the region?
19. How important are the USA and UN in maintaining the peace?
20. What questions would you like to ask the peace negotiators?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Emotions have been (7) _____ high in recent days among Israelis and Palestinians. Alongside the release of the Israeli hostages, nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners and detainees are expected to (8) _____ freed. The brother-in-law of hostage Omri Miran 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 to be able to return home, (9) _____ the widespread destruction, almost no infrastructure, no electricity, and no running water. One resident said: "I pray (10) _____ God relieves our sorrow and distress, and that people return to their homes." Another man was more (11) _____ after being (12) _____ 20 times in the past two years.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) follow | (b) following | (c) follower | (d) follows |
| 2. | (a) truth | (b) truce | (c) true | (d) truths |
| 3. | (a) sampled | (b) conducted | (c) composed | (d) orchestrated |
| 4. | (a) institution | (b) withdrawal | (c) taking | (d) deposit |
| 5. | (a) lying | (b) laying | (c) layering | (d) lowering |
| 6. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) in | (d) by |
| 7. | (a) ruining | (b) reigning | (c) running | (d) raining |
| 8. | (a) have | (b) be | (c) see | (d) do |
| 9. | (a) spiteful | (b) desperate | (c) spite | (d) despite |
| 10. | (a) for | (b) thus | (c) what | (d) that |
| 11. | (a) cautious | (b) caustic | (c) caution | (d) cautiously |
| 12. | (a) misplaced | (b) replaced | (c) displaced | (d) placed |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. extensive efforts and ontiiotengas
2. The deal was ersathrtoecd by US President Donald Trump
3. the wlitdawrah of Israeli military
4. the 48 hostages remaining in pctiavyit
5. in ruins after two years of being dobbmdrae
6. reduced to ebblur

Paragraph 2

7. 2,000 Palestinian prisoners and eetsneiad
8. I have yet to csopres it all
9. Gaza City residents are vieledre
10. almost no frtrtertuusican
11. our oorwsr and distress
12. Another man was more isuaucot

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () and Arab nations. The deal was orchestrated by US President Donald Trump, who hopes
- (**1**) Around half a million Palestinians are returning to Gaza City following the start of a ceasefire
- () between Israel and Hamas. The truce followed extensive efforts and negotiations between Israel, Hamas, the USA,
- () Emotions have been running high in recent days among Israelis and Palestinians. Alongside the
- () freed. The brother-in-law of hostage Omri Miran told the New York Post: "I have yet to
- () in captivity. The laying down of arms has allowed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to head
- () no electricity, and no running water. One resident said: "I pray that God relieves our sorrow and distress, and that
- () north to Gaza City, most of which is in ruins after two years of being bombarded and reduced to rubble.
- () of Israeli military from a large section of Gaza, and for Hamas to release the 48 hostages remaining
- () people return to their homes." Another man was more cautious after being displaced 20 times in the past two years.
- () process it all. I am naturally happy that this nightmare may soon be over." Gaza City residents are
- () release of the Israeli hostages, nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners and detainees are expected to be
- () relieved to be able to return home, despite the widespread destruction, almost no infrastructure,
- () to bring peace to the region. The first phase of his peace deal involved the withdrawal

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. half Around million a are Palestinians returning .
2. hopes He bring to to peace region the .
3. The phase first his of deal peace .
4. Release 48 the remaining hostages captivity in .
5. In after ruins years two being of bombarded .
6. have Emotions running been in high days recent .
7. Prisoners detainees and expected are be to freed .
8. happy I'm nightmare this soon may over be .
9. Residents relieved are be to to able return .
10. man Another more was after cautious displaced being .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

Around half a million Palestinians are returning to Gaza City *followed / following* the start of a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The *truth / truce* followed extensive efforts and negotiations between Israel, Hamas, the USA, and Arab nations. The deal was *orchestrated / composed* by US President Donald Trump, who hopes to bring peace to the *regions / region*. The first *phase / phrase* of his peace deal involved the withdrawal of Israeli military from a large *sanction / section* of Gaza, and for Hamas to release the 48 hostages remaining *on / in* captivity. The laying down of *armour / arms* has allowed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to head north to Gaza City, most of which is *in / on* ruins after two years of being bombarded and reduced to *rabble / rubble*.

Emotions have been *running / following* high in recent days among Israelis and Palestinians. *Alongside / Along* the release of the Israeli hostages, nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners and detainees are expected to be *freely / freed*. The brother-in-law *of / to* hostage Omri Miran told the New York Post: "I have yet to *process / progress* it all. I am naturally happy that this nightmare may soon be *above / over*." Gaza City residents are relieved to be able to return home, *despite / spite* the widespread destruction, almost no infrastructure, no electricity, and no *running / dripping* water. One resident said: "I pray that God *relieving / relieves* our sorrow and distress, and that people return to their homes." Another man was more *caution / cautious* after being displaced 20 times in the past two years.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_r_und h_lf _ m_ll_n P_l_st_n__ns _r_ r_turn_ng t_
G_z_ C_ty f_ll_w_ng th_ st_rt _f _ c__s_f_r_ b_tw__n
_sr__l_ and H_m_s. Th_ truc_ f_ll_w_d _xt_ns_v_ _ff_rts
_nd n_g_t__t__ns b_tw__n _sr__l_, H_m_s, th_ US_, _nd
_r_b n_t__ns. Th_ d__l w_s _rch_str_t_d by US
Pr_s_d_nt D_n_ld Trump, wh_ h_p_s t_ br_ng p__c_ t_
th_ r_g__n. Th_ f_rst ph_s_ _f h_s p__c_ d__l
_nv_lv_d th_ w_thdr_w_l _f _sr__l_ m_l_t_ry fr_m _
l_rg_ s_ct__n _f G_z_, _nd f_r H_m_s t_ r_l__s_ th_
48 h_st_g_s r_m__n_ng _n c_pt_v_ty. Th_ l_y_ng d_wn
_f _rms h_s _ll_w_d hundr_ds _f th_us_nds _f
P_l_st_n__ns t_ h__d n_rth t_ G_z_ C_ty, m_st _f
wh_ch _s _n ru_ns _ft_r tw_ y__rs _f b__ng
b_mb_rd_d _nd r_duc_d t_ rubbl_.

_m_t__ns h_v_ b__n runn_ng h_gh _n r_c_nt d_ys
_m_ng _sr__l_s _nd P_l_st_n__ns. _l_ngs_d_ th_
r_l__s_ _f th_ _sr__l_ h_st_g_s, n__rly 2,000
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b_ fr__d. Th_ br_th_r-n-l_w _f h_st_g_ _mr_ M_r_n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

around half a million palestinians are returning to gaza city following the start of a ceasefire between israel and hamas the truce followed extensive efforts and negotiations between israel hamas the usa and arab nations the deal was orchestrated by us president donald trump who hopes to bring peace to the region the first phase of his peace deal involved the withdrawal of israeli military from a large section of gaza and for hamas to release the 48 hostages remaining in captivity the laying down of arms has allowed hundreds of thousands of palestinians to head north to gaza city most of which is in ruins after two years of being bombarded and reduced to rubble emotions have been running high in recent days among israelis and palestinians alongside the release of the israeli hostages nearly 2000 palestinian prisoners and detainees are expected to be freed the brotherinlaw of hostage omri miran 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 to be able to return home despite the widespread destruction almost no infrastructure no electricity and no running water one resident said i pray that god relieves our sorrow and distress and that people return to their homes another man was more cautious after being displaced 20 times in the past two years

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Around half a million Palestinians are returning to Gaza City following the start of a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The truce followed extensive efforts and negotiations between Israel, Hamas, the USA, and Arab nations. The deal was orchestrated by US President Donald Trump, who hopes to bring peace to the region. The first phase of his peace deal involved the withdrawal of Israeli military from a large section of Gaza, and for Hamas to release the 48 hostages remaining in captivity. The laying down of arms has allowed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to head north to Gaza City, most of which is in ruins after two years of being bombarded and reduced to rubble. Emotions have been running high in recent days among Israelis and Palestinians. Alongside the release of the Israeli hostages, nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners and detainees are expected to be freed. The brother-in-law of hostage Omri Miran 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 to be able to return home, despite the widespread destruction, almost no infrastructure, no electricity, and no running water. One resident said: "I pray that God relieves our sorrow and distress, and that people return to their homes." Another man was more cautious after being displaced 20 times in the past two years.

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

Write about **Gaza** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251013-gaza-ceasefire.html>

The United Nations should lead efforts to rebuild Gaza. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. GAZA: Make a poster about Gaza. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. UNITED NATIONS: Write a magazine article about the United Nations leading the rebuilding of Gaza. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Gaza. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to bring everlasting peace to the area. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. d	3. f	4. b	5. j
6. a	7. i	8. e	9. c	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Extensive efforts and negotiations
- Donald Trump
- A large section of Gaza
- Arms
- It was bombarded
- Running high
- The nightmare
- Running water
- Sorrow and distress
- Twenty times

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Around half a million Palestinians are returning.
- He hopes to bring peace to the region.
- The first phase of his peace deal.
- Release the 48 hostages remaining in captivity.
- In ruins after two years of being bombarded.
- Emotions have been running high in recent days.
- Prisoners and detainees are expected to be freed.
- I'm happy this nightmare may soon be over.
- Residents are relieved to be able to return.
- Another man was more cautious after being displaced.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)