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Level 5 – 20th October 2025

Gen Z leading global protest against governments

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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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Young people worldwide are taking to the streets in protest against their governments. From Madagascar to Peru, Generation Z is rising to express discontent with their leaders. Gen Z consists of people born between 1996 and 2010. They share a common concern about increasing inequality, corruption, nepotism, and corporate greed. They are worried about their bleak career prospects. This week in Madagascar, a group of protesters helped oust the country's president. In Morocco, people marched to call for better healthcare and education.

Protesters have two things in common. One is an exasperation about the state of the world; the other is a flag from a Japanese manga. The flag has a skull and crossed bones. In the manga, pirates fly the flag and fight against oppression and injustice. The flag has been on protesters' banners and seen in graffiti. Al Jazeera reported that in protests in Nepal, the flag was painted on murals, hung from cars, and displayed in place of national flags. It added that the flag is used in satire. Protesters are using the flag to represent what they view as "failures of governance".

Sources: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2025/10/the-gen-z-movement-this-is-why-were-risking-our-lives-to-protest/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. people worldwide are taking | a. career prospects |
| 2. protest against their | b. express discontent |
| 3. Generation Z is rising to | c. greed |
| 4. They share a common | d. country's president |
| 5. corporate | e. to the streets |
| 6. worried about their bleak | f. concern |
| 7. protesters helped oust the | g. for better healthcare |
| 8. people marched to call | h. governments |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Protesters have two | a. crossed bones |
| 2. exasperation about the state | b. using the flag |
| 3. The flag has a skull and | c. and injustice |
| 4. pirates fly | d. of the world |
| 5. fight against oppression | e. governance |
| 6. the flag is used | f. things in common |
| 7. Protesters are | g. the flag |
| 8. failures of | h. in satire |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Young people worldwide are taking to the
(1) _____ against their governments. From
Madagascar to Peru, Generation Z is
(2) _____ discontent with their leaders. Gen Z
consists of people born between 1996 and 2010. They share
(3) _____ about increasing inequality,
corruption, nepotism, and corporate greed. They are worried about
(4) _____ prospects. This week in
Madagascar, a group of protesters (5) _____
country's president. In Morocco, people
(6) _____ for better healthcare and education.

Protesters have two (7) _____. One is an
exasperation about the (8) _____ world; the
other is a flag from a Japanese manga. The flag has a skull and
crossed bones. In the manga, pirates
(9) _____ and fight against oppression and
injustice. The flag has (10) _____ banners and
seen in graffiti. Al Jazeera reported that in protests in Nepal, the
flag was (11) _____, hung from cars, and
displayed in place of national flags. It added that the flag is used in
satire. Protesters are using the flag to represent what
(12) _____ "failures of governance".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PROTESTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about protests 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 **protests** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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