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Arrested clock-making teen invited to White House

20th September, 2015

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THE READING

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U.S. President Barack Obama has invited the Texas high school student who was arrested over a clock he made for school to the White House. Ahmed Mohamed, 14, was taken away in handcuffs after his teachers said he had brought a homemade bomb to school. After several hours, the police realised it was all a mistake. Within hours of his release, Ahmed's story went viral. The news was retweeted hundreds of thousands of times. President Obama tweeted: "We should inspire more kids like you to like science. It's what makes America great."

Ahmed's arrest has put the spotlight on the issue of Islamophobia and of how people treat Muslims. Ahmed said that because of his religion, kids at school called him a 'terrorist'. He said the police interrogation made him feel as though he was a criminal. He said: "I felt like I was a terrorist." To make things worse, his school suspended him for three days. On a more positive note, Twitter offered him a training contract and Google invited him to a science fair. Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg said: "The future belongs to people like Ahmed."

Sources: <http://cnnphilippines.com/world/2015/09/18/US-Texas-student-Ahmed-clock-bomb.html>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. arrested over a | a. it was all a mistake |
| 2. taken away | b. kids like you |
| 3. the police realised | c. of his release |
| 4. Within hours | d. America great |
| 5. Ahmed's story | e. clock he made |
| 6. hundreds of | f. in handcuffs |
| 7. We should inspire more | g. went viral |
| 8. It's what makes | h. thousands of times |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. put the spotlight | a. things worse |
| 2. how people treat | b. interrogation |
| 3. police | c. fair |
| 4. To make | d. on the issue |
| 5. On a more | e. to people like Ahmed |
| 6. offered him a training | f. positive note |
| 7. invited him to a science | g. Muslims |
| 8. The future belongs | h. contract |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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U.S. President Barack Obama (1) _____ Texas high school student who was (2) _____ clock he made for school to the White House. Ahmed Mohamed, 14, was taken (3) _____ after his teachers said he had brought (4) _____ to school. After several hours, the police (5) _____ a mistake. Within hours of his release, Ahmed's story went viral. The news was retweeted hundreds of thousands of times. President Obama tweeted: "We should (6) _____ like you to like science. It's what makes America great."

Ahmed's arrest has put (7) _____ the issue of Islamophobia and of (8) _____ Muslims. Ahmed said that because of his religion, kids at school called him a 'terrorist'. He said the police interrogation made him (9) _____ he was a criminal. He said: "I felt like I was a terrorist." To (10) _____, his school suspended him for three days. On a (11) _____, Twitter offered him a training contract and Google invited him to a science fair. Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg said: "The (12) _____ people like Ahmed."

AHMED MOHAMED'S CLOCK SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Ahmed Mohamed's clock 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

