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Level 2

Colombia and FARC rebels sign peace deal

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Colombians are happy that peace has come to Colombia. The government signed a deal with the rebel group FARC. It ends 52 years of fighting. Over 220,000 people died and millions lost their home. The deal comes after two years of talks between the two sides. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said the deal was, "the beginning of the end to the suffering, pain and tragedy of war". A spokesman for the government said: "This agreement opens the door to a more inclusive society." Both sides will now work together for justice for the victims of the fighting.

FARC is the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. It started during the Cold War to fight for farmers. It will now take part in the political process to shape Colombia's future. In Bogota, the capital city, thousands of people celebrated the peace deal on the streets. One Colombian told the Associated Press news agency: "I can die in peace because finally I'll see my country without violence, with a future for my children." The next step is for the Colombian people to vote on the peace deal on the 2nd of October. President Santos said: "It will be the most important election of our lives."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-37180752>
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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FARC>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Colombians are happy that | a. the two sides |
| 2. signed a deal | b. of fighting |
| 3. It ends 52 years | c. for the victims |
| 4. Over 220,000 | d. two years |
| 5. The deal comes after | e. peace has come |
| 6. talks between | f. of the end |
| 7. the beginning | g. with the rebel group |
| 8. justice | h. people died |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. It started | a. city |
| 2. take part in the | b. my children |
| 3. shape | c. political process |
| 4. the capital | d. without violence |
| 5. thousands of people | e. during the Cold War |
| 6. I'll see my country | f. election of our lives |
| 7. a future for | g. Colombia's future |
| 8. the most important | h. celebrated |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Colombians are happy that (1) _____ to Colombia. The government (2) _____ with the rebel group FARC. It ends 52 years of fighting. Over 220,000 people died and (3) _____ home. The deal comes after two years of talks between (4) _____. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said the deal was, "the beginning of the end to the suffering, pain and (5) _____ ". A spokesman for the government said: "This agreement opens the door to a more inclusive society." Both sides will now work together for justice for (6) _____ fighting.

FARC is the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. It started during the Cold War to (7) _____. It will now take part in the political (8) _____ Colombia's future. In Bogota, the capital city, thousands of people (9) _____ deal on the streets. One Colombian told the Associated Press news agency: "I can (10) _____ because finally I'll see my country without violence, with a future for my children." The (11) _____ the Colombian people to vote on the peace deal on the 2nd of October. President Santos said: "It will be the most (12) _____ of our lives."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PEACE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about peace 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) _____

