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Level 5 – 17th October, 2022

Former Malaysia leader to run for office aged 97

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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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Age is just a number. The former prime minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamad, is proving this. Mr Mahathir is pushing back the years and running for office again at the age of 97. He has been the country's leader twice before. The first time was for 22 years, between 1981 and 2003. Mahathir has announced he will run for parliament in his country's upcoming election. He did not tell journalists whether or not he wants the top job again. He said: "We have not decided who will be prime minister because the prime minister candidate is only relevant if we win."

Mahathir Mohamad has been ever-present in Malaysian politics. He became a member of parliament in 1964. He is regarded as being a visionary for improving his country's economy. He led Malaysia's rapid economic transformation throughout the 1980s. His run for parliament means it will be his 11th election campaign. Many commentators have their doubts about Mahathir's chances of success because of his recent ill health. He has a history of heart trouble. He has had several heart attacks and quadruple bypass surgery. He left hospital last month after contracting Covid-19.

Sources: <https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/politics/article/3195595/malaysias-mahathir-mohamad-97-contest-election-save-country-umno>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Age is just | a. be prime minister |
| 2. The former | b. office again |
| 3. running for | c. journalists |
| 4. He has been the country's leader | d. prime minister |
| 5. he will run | e. we win |
| 6. He did not tell | f. for parliament |
| 7. We have not decided who will | g. a number |
| 8. only relevant if | h. twice before |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mohamad has been ever-present | a. health |
| 2. a member of | b. a visionary |
| 3. He is regarded as being | c. campaign |
| 4. improving his country's | d. their doubts |
| 5. his 11th election | e. in Malaysian politics |
| 6. Many commentators have | f. surgery |
| 7. because of his recent ill | g. parliament |
| 8. quadruple bypass | h. economy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Age is (1) _____. The former prime minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamad, is proving this. Mr Mahathir is pushing back the years and (2) _____ again at the age of 97. He has been the country's (3) _____. The first time was for 22 years, between 1981 and 2003. Mahathir has announced he will run (4) _____ his country's upcoming election. He did not tell journalists whether or not he wants the (5) _____. He said: "We have not decided who will be prime minister because the prime minister candidate is (6) _____ we win."

Mahathir Mohamad has been (7) _____ Malaysian politics. He became a member of parliament in 1964. He is regarded as being (8) _____ improving his country's economy. He led Malaysia's rapid economic transformation throughout the 1980s. His run for parliament means it will be his (9) _____. Many commentators (10) _____ about Mahathir's chances of success because of his recent ill health. He has a history of heart trouble. He has had several heart attacks (11) _____ surgery. He left hospital last (12) _____ Covid-19.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AGE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about age 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) _____

