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Level 4 – 11th August, 2020

World leaders hold aid summit to help Beirut

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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France's president hosted a summit to ask world leaders to help Beirut after the catastrophic explosion last week. A virtual conference was held. The president said Lebanon needed aid immediately. He said: "We must act quickly...so that this aid goes directly to where it is needed. Lebanon's future is at stake." Dozens of pledges of assistance came from Lebanon's neighbours, Europe, Asia, and the USA. The total promised so far is \$300 million.

Europe will give \$68 million to help Beirut. A spokesperson said: "We are providing humanitarian support to hundreds of thousands of the most vulnerable people." The money will go to charities. Qatar pledged \$50 million, the biggest donation from one country. There was spiritual support from the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Francis made a plea saying: "We must all work for the good of this beloved country." He appealed for "generous help".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. France's president hosted | a. assistance |
| 2. A virtual | b. quickly |
| 3. We must act | c. a summit |
| 4. this aid goes directly to where | d. neighbours |
| 5. Lebanon's future is at | e. conference |
| 6. pledges of | f. it is needed |
| 7. Lebanon's | g. far is \$300 million |
| 8. The total promised so | h. stake |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. We are providing humanitarian | a. Roman Catholic Church |
| 2. hundreds | b. support |
| 3. the most vulnerable | c. help |
| 4. the biggest donation | d. plea |
| 5. spiritual support from the | e. from one country |
| 6. Pope Francis made a | f. beloved country |
| 7. work for the good of this | g. of thousands |
| 8. He appealed for generous | h. people |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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France's president (1) _____ to ask world leaders to help Beirut after the catastrophic explosion last week.

(2) _____ was held. The president said Lebanon needed aid immediately. He said: "We (3) _____...so that this aid (4) _____ where it is needed. Lebanon's future is at stake." Dozens of (5) _____ came from Lebanon's neighbours, Europe, Asia, and the USA. The (6) _____ far is \$300 million.

Europe will give \$68 million to help Beirut. A spokesperson said: "We are providing (7) _____ hundreds of thousands of the most vulnerable people." The money (8) _____ charities.

Qatar pledged \$50 million, (9) _____ from one country.

There was (10) _____ the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Francis (11) _____ saying: "We must all work for the good of this beloved country." He (12) _____ help".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LEBANON SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Lebanon 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) _____

