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Level 2 – 14th October, 2021

G20 leaders agree to help Afghanistan

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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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The G20 is a group of 19 countries plus the European Union. It has just met to talk about Afghanistan. Leaders of the G20 promised to help Afghanistan's economy. Since the Taliban took over Afghanistan in August, the economy has almost collapsed. Germany's leader said it was important to help Afghanistan. She said if the country's economy collapsed, no one could give aid to the country. She added: "To look on as 40 million people [slip] into chaos because there's no financial system must not be the goal of the international community."

The G20 leaders will talk to the Taliban about humanitarian aid. Italy's prime minister is the current leader of the G20. He said: "It is very hard to see how you can help people in Afghanistan without...the Taliban." The EU will increase the aid it gives to \$1.15 billion. The IMF and World Bank will also provide aid but they did not say how much. The Taliban said: "The international community needs to start cooperating with us." It said the aid would help to stop insecurity in the country. It said it would also help the Taliban to "engage positively with the world".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. a group | a. collapsed |
| 2. It has just | b. to help |
| 3. Leaders of the G20 promised | c. system |
| 4. Since the Taliban took | d. chaos |
| 5. the economy has almost | e. over |
| 6. no one could give | f. of 19 countries |
| 7. slip into | g. aid |
| 8. financial | h. met to talk |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. talk to the Taliban about | a. the country |
| 2. the current leader | b. the aid it gives |
| 3. The EU will increase | c. help the Taliban |
| 4. they did not say how | d. community |
| 5. The international | e. humanitarian aid |
| 6. stop insecurity in | f. with the world |
| 7. It said it would also | g. of the G20 |
| 8. engage positively | h. much |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The G20 is (1) _____ 19 countries plus the European Union. It has just (2) _____ about Afghanistan. Leaders of the G20 promised to help Afghanistan's economy. Since the Taliban took over Afghanistan in August, the (3) _____ collapsed. Germany's leader said it was (4) _____ Afghanistan. She said if the country's economy collapsed, no one could give aid to the country. She added: "To look on as 40 million people (5) _____ because there's no financial system must not be (6) _____ the international community."

The G20 leaders will talk to the Taliban about humanitarian aid. Italy's prime minister is (7) _____ of the G20. He said: "It (8) _____ to see how you can help people in Afghanistan without...the Taliban." The EU will (9) _____ it gives to \$1.15 billion. The IMF and World Bank will also provide aid but they did not (10) _____. The Taliban said: "The international community needs to start cooperating with us." It said the aid would (11) _____ insecurity in the country. It said it would also help the Taliban to "(12) _____ the world".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AFGHANISTAN SURVEY

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