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## **Level 2 – 9th February 2023**

### **Three-month state of emergency declared in Turkey**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2302/230209-turkey-syria-earthquake-2.html>

Turkey will have a three-month state of emergency across areas hit by Monday's deadly earthquakes. Two very powerful quakes hit Turkey nine hours apart. The first was a magnitude 7.5; the second registered 7.8 on the Richter scale. They are two of the biggest earthquakes ever to hit Turkey. They caused huge loss of life and damage in Turkey and in Syria. Turkey's president warned of a "large number of aftershocks". He said: "Our teams are working to reach the disaster areas....We are rapidly continuing the search and rescue operations...despite...the terrible weather."

The international community has given support to Turkey and Syria. The EU sent more than 1,150 rescue workers. Emergency teams will give "essential health care for the injured and most vulnerable people". Mexico sent a team of dogs and rescuers who are experts in finding survivors in the rubble. The U.S. president was "deeply saddened by the loss of life...caused by the earthquakes". He promised to give "any help that is needed". Germany said: "We mourn with the victims and fear for those buried." Syria will also get a lot of help. It has already suffered for years from war.

Sources: [ps://www.cnbc.com/2023/02/07/turkeys-president-erdogan-declares-state-of-emergency-for-earthquake-hit-regions.html](https://www.cnbc.com/2023/02/07/turkeys-president-erdogan-declares-state-of-emergency-for-earthquake-hit-regions.html)  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. powerful quakes hit Turkey     | a. weather              |
| 2. the second registered 7.8      | b. of aftershocks       |
| 3. two of the biggest earthquakes | c. nine hours apart     |
| 4. They caused huge loss          | d. rescue operations    |
| 5. warned of a large number       | e. ever                 |
| 6. teams are working to reach     | f. of life              |
| 7. continuing the search and      | g. the disaster areas   |
| 8. despite the terrible           | h. on the Richter scale |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. give "essential health care  | a. of life            |
| 2. Mexico sent a team           | b. a lot of help      |
| 3. experts in finding survivors | c. of dogs            |
| 4. deeply saddened by the loss  | d. for years from war |
| 5. He promised to give any help | e. in the rubble      |
| 6. We mourn with                | f. that is needed     |
| 7. Syria will also get          | g. to the injured     |
| 8. It has already suffered      | h. the victims        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2302/230209-turkey-syria-earthquake-2.html>

Turkey will have a three-month state of emergency (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by Monday's deadly earthquakes. Two very powerful quakes hit Turkey (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The first was a magnitude 7.5; the second registered 7.8 on the Richter scale. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of the biggest earthquakes ever to hit Turkey. They caused huge (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and damage in Turkey and in Syria. Turkey's president warned of a "(5) \_\_\_\_\_ aftershocks". He said: "Our teams are working to reach the disaster areas....We are rapidly continuing the search and rescue operations... (6) \_\_\_\_\_ weather."

The international community has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey and Syria. The EU sent more than 1,150 rescue workers. Emergency teams will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ care for the injured and most vulnerable people". Mexico sent a team of dogs and rescuers (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in finding survivors in the rubble. The U.S. president was "(10) \_\_\_\_\_ the loss of life...caused by the earthquakes". He promised to give "any help that is needed". Germany said: "We mourn (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and fear for those buried." Syria will also get a lot of help. It has already (12) \_\_\_\_\_ from war.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# EARTHQUAKES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2302/230209-turkey-syria-earthquake-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about earthquakes 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) \_\_\_\_\_

