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Philippines to split from USA

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Philippines will move away from the USA and work with China. It might also get closer to Russia. President Duterte said he would end military and economic deals with the USA. He told the USA: "Your stay in my country was for your own [good]. So it is time to say goodbye."

Things will now change in Asia. China will be stronger and the USA weaker. The USA navy may have to leave the Philippines. This would be a big problem for the USA. The US and the Philippines were good friends for 65 years. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' said China has just turned an old rival into a new friend.

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/10/20/politics/rodrigo-duterte-us-interests-philippines/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The Philippines will move | a. the USA |
| 2. work with | b. good |
| 3. It might also get closer | c. economic deals |
| 4. he would end military and | d. to Russia |
| 5. He told | e. in my country |
| 6. Your stay | f. away from the USA |
| 7. for your own | g. goodbye |
| 8. it is time to say | h. China |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Things will now | a. for the USA |
| 2. China will be | b. to leave |
| 3. The USA navy may have | c. friend |
| 4. This would be a big problem | d. newspaper |
| 5. good friends | e. change in Asia |
| 6. The Russian | f. for 65 years |
| 7. an | g. stronger |
| 8. a new | h. old rival |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Philippines (1) _____ from the USA and work with China. It (2) _____ closer to Russia. President Duterte said he would (3) _____ and (4) _____ with the USA. He told the USA: "Your (5) _____ country was for your own [good]. So it is (6) _____ goodbye."

Things will (7) _____ Asia. China will be stronger and the USA weaker. The USA (8) _____ to leave the Philippines. This would be a (9) _____ for the USA. The US and the Philippines (10) _____ for 65 years. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' (11) _____ just turned an old (12) _____ new friend.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ngeinAsia.ChinawillbestrongerandtheUSAweaker.TheUSAnavymay
havetoleavethePhilippines.ThiswouldbeabigproblemfortheUSA.The
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THE PHILIPPINES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Philippines 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) _____

