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Level 1

Thousands call for Zimbabwe's Mugabe to resign

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Thousands of people are in the streets in Zimbabwe. They want President Robert Mugabe to resign. The army removed him from power on Wednesday after Mr Mugabe fired his deputy. It wanted to remove the "criminals" around him. Mugabe wanted his wife to be the next president. Members of Mr Mugabe's party asked Mr Mugabe to quit. Veterans of Zimbabwe's war for independence also asked him to step down.

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old. He is the oldest leader of any country. Mr Mugabe fought in Zimbabwe's war for independence against British rule, when Zimbabwe was called Rhodesia. In 1980, Mugabe and his party won Zimbabwe's elections. He became leader. Now, people are happy he may no longer be leader. A 34-year-old man said: "I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Thousands of people are | a. to quit |
| 2. The army removed him | b. the next president |
| 3. remove the "criminals" | c. down |
| 4. Mugabe wanted his wife to be | d. from power |
| 5. Members of Mr Mugabe's | e. independence |
| 6. asked Mr Mugabe | f. in the streets |
| 7. Zimbabwe's war for | g. party |
| 8. asked him to step | h. around him |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. He is the oldest leader | a. rule |
| 2. Zimbabwe's war for | b. called Rhodesia |
| 3. against British | c. last |
| 4. Zimbabwe was | d. independence |
| 5. his party won Zimbabwe's | e. for this day |
| 6. he may no longer be | f. elections |
| 7. I've been waiting all my life | g. of any country |
| 8. We are free at | h. leader |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Thousands of people are (1) _____ in Zimbabwe. They want President Robert Mugabe to resign. (2) _____ him from power on Wednesday after Mr Mugabe (3) _____. It wanted to remove the "criminals" around him. Mugabe (4) _____ to be the next president. Members of Mr Mugabe's (5) _____ Mugabe to quit. Veterans of Zimbabwe's war for independence also asked him (6) _____.

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old. He is (7) _____ of any country. Mr Mugabe fought in Zimbabwe's war for independence (8) _____, when Zimbabwe was called Rhodesia. In 1980, Mugabe and (9) _____ Zimbabwe's elections. (10) _____. Now, people are happy he may no (11) _____. A 34-year-old man said: "I've been waiting (12) _____ for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ZIMBABWE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Zimbabwe 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) _____

