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**Level 0 – 23rd April, 2019**

## **At least 207 die in Sri Lanka blasts**

**NOTE: At the time of upload, the death toll was 310.**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts-0.html>

Over 207 people died in suicide bombings in Sri Lanka.

Bombers attacked three churches. They had religious services for Easter, one of the biggest events in the Christian calendar.

Three luxury hotels were also hit. People must report anything suspicious. Police have arrested seven people.

Pope Francis said: "I pray for the injured and all those who are suffering." The Catholic Church said it never thought such a thing would happen on Easter Sunday. The USA said it is ready to help "the great people of Sri Lanka". Turkey said the bombs were attacks "on all of humanity". Sri Lanka is unstable at the moment.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-48001720>  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/live-news/sri-lanka-bombings-explosions-easter-sunday-colombo-churches-hotels-2019-04-21-live-updates/>  
<https://www.dw.com/en/easter-sunday-blasts-belie-sri-lankas-calm-facade/a-48422430>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. people died in suicide | a. were also hit  |
| 2. Bombers attacked       | b. events         |
| 3. religious services     | c. seven people   |
| 4. one of the biggest     | d. for Easter     |
| 5. in the Christian       | e. three churches |
| 6. Three luxury hotels    | f. suspicious     |
| 7. report anything        | g. bombings       |
| 8. Police have arrested   | h. calendar       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. I pray                  | a. is ready            |
| 2. all those who           | b. of humanity         |
| 3. it never thought such a | c. are suffering       |
| 4. Easter                  | d. at the moment       |
| 5. The USA said it         | e. people of Sri Lanka |
| 6. help the great          | f. thing would happen  |
| 7. attacks on all          | g. for the injured     |
| 8. Sri Lanka is unstable   | h. Sunday              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts-0.html>

Over 207 people (1) \_\_\_\_\_ bombings in Sri Lanka. Bombers (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They had religious services for Easter, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ biggest events in the Christian calendar. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ were also hit. People (5) \_\_\_\_\_ suspicious. Police have (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Pope Francis said: "I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ injured and all those (8) \_\_\_\_\_." The Catholic Church said it never thought (9) \_\_\_\_\_ would happen on Easter Sunday. The USA said it is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ "the great people of Sri Lanka". Turkey (11) \_\_\_\_\_ were attacks "on all of humanity". Sri Lanka is unstable (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts-0.html>

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# TERRORISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190423-sri-lanka-blasts-4.html>

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

