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Level 5 – 11th August, 2019

Lebanon newspaper publishes 'no news' protest edition

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THE READING

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Lebanon's English-language Daily Star newspaper published an edition on Thursday without any news. It printed largely blank, white pages. The front page simply said "Lebanon". The inside pages contained headlines highlighting the country's current ills, and the back page had a photo of a cedar tree (Lebanon's national symbol) with a caption reading: "Wake up before it's too late." The newspaper said it had, "refrained from publishing news articles in its print edition" to protest against the country's worsening economy and political situation.

The editor-in-chief spoke to CNN reporters about the rationale for the protest. She said: "The aim is to ring the alarm bells about all the challenges that our country is facing and to urge everyone in Lebanon to work towards resolving these crises." She called on "politicians and everyone to pull together". Some of the headlines inside the paper highlighted a government deadlock, "alarming" levels of pollution, public debt, unemployment and illegal weapons flooding the country. The editor-in-chief said: "It's enough that people take notice of these problems and think."

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/08/lebanon-daily-star-publishes-edition-protest-national-crisis-190808095602980.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. published an | a. news articles |
| 2. It printed largely blank, | b. current ills |
| 3. The inside pages contained | c. worsening economy |
| 4. highlighting the country's | d. white pages |
| 5. the back page had a photo | e. it's too late |
| 6. Wake up before | f. edition |
| 7. refrained from publishing | g. of a cedar tree |
| 8. protest against the country's | h. headlines |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. the rationale | a. flooding the country |
| 2. The aim is to ring | b. these crises |
| 3. all the challenges that | c. debt |
| 4. work towards resolving | d. notice of these problems |
| 5. alarming levels | e. our country is facing |
| 6. public | f. for the protest |
| 7. illegal weapons | g. of pollution |
| 8. people take | h. the alarm bells |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Lebanon's English-language Daily Star newspaper (1) _____ on Thursday without any news. It printed largely (2) _____. The front page simply said "Lebanon". The inside pages contained headlines highlighting the (3) _____, and the back page had a photo of a cedar tree (Lebanon's national symbol) with (4) _____: "Wake up before it's too late." The newspaper said it had, "refrained from publishing news articles in (5) _____" to protest against the country's worsening economy (6) _____.

The editor-in-chief spoke to CNN reporters (7) _____ for the protest. She said: "The aim is to (8) _____ bells about all the challenges that our country is facing and to urge everyone in Lebanon to work towards (9) _____." She called on "politicians and everyone to pull together". Some of (10) _____ the paper highlighted a government deadlock, "alarming" (11) _____, public debt, unemployment and illegal weapons flooding the country. The editor-in-chief said: "It's enough that people (12) _____ these problems and think."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NEWSPAPERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190811-newspaper-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about newspapers 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) _____

