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## Level 1 – 9th February 2023

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

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2302/230209-turkey-syria-earthquake-1.html>

There is a three-month state of emergency in Turkey after two deadly earthquakes. The powerful quakes hit nine hours apart. The first was a magnitude 7.5 and the second was 7.8. They are two of the biggest quakes ever in Turkey. They caused a lot of death and damage in Turkey and Syria. Turkey's president warned of a "large number of aftershocks". Search and rescue teams are trying to reach the disaster areas. The conditions and weather are terrible.

The world is giving support to Turkey and Syria. The EU sent 1,150 rescue workers. Emergency teams are giving essential health care for the injured people. Mexico sent a team of dogs who are experts in finding survivors. The U.S. president was "deeply saddened by the loss of life". He promised to give "any help that is needed". Germany said: "We mourn with the victims and fear for those buried." Syria 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2302/230209-turkey-syria-earthquake-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There is a three-month state | a. ever                 |
| 2. two deadly                   | b. hours apart          |
| 3. The powerful quakes hit nine | c. of aftershocks       |
| 4. The first was a magnitude    | d. weather are terrible |
| 5. two of the biggest quakes    | e. earthquakes          |
| 6. a large number               | f. 7.5                  |
| 7. trying to reach the          | g. of emergency         |
| 8. The conditions and           | h. disaster areas       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The world is giving        | a. workers               |
| 2. The EU sent 1,150 rescue   | b. the loss of life      |
| 3. Emergency teams are giving | c. suffered              |
| 4. Mexico sent a team         | d. survivors             |
| 5. experts in finding         | e. the victims           |
| 6. deeply saddened by         | f. essential health care |
| 7. We mourn with              | g. support to Turkey     |
| 8. Syria has already          | h. of dogs               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is a three-month state of emergency in Turkey (1) \_\_\_\_\_ earthquakes. The powerful quakes hit nine hours apart. The first (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 7.5 and the second was 7.8. They are two of the biggest quakes ever in Turkey. They caused a lot of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Turkey and Syria. Turkey's president warned of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of aftershocks". Search and rescue (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the disaster areas. The conditions and (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The world is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey and Syria. The EU sent 1,150 rescue workers. Emergency teams (8) \_\_\_\_\_ health care for the injured people. Mexico sent a team of dogs who are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ survivors. The U.S. president was "deeply saddened (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of life". He promised to give "any help that is needed". Germany said: "We mourn with the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for those buried." Syria 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-4.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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2302/230209-turkey-syria-earthquake-1.html>

Write about **earthquakes** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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