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## Level 0

### U.S. student walkout to protest gun violence

17th March, 2018

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180317-student-protests-0.html>

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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/1803/180317-student-protests-0.html>

Students protested against gun violence. They walked out of their schools a month after 17 students were killed in Florida.

Students stood for 17 minutes for their dead friends. One student said: "The walkout was for those...who might be next."

Another student said: "I came...because of what happens in my neighborhood every day."

In Washington DC, students sat with their backs to the White House for 17 minutes. They chanted against a gun group called the NRA. A U.S. senator said: "These young people have shown up to free us. I believe the young people will lead us."

Students want President Trump to listen to them now because they will be voters in 2020.

Sources: <https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2018/03/14/student-walkout-taps-well-of-anger-mourning.html>  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/14/us/school-walkout.html>  
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/students-plan-national-school-walkout-to-protest-shootings-1521019801>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180317-student-protests-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Students                   | a. of their schools |
| 2. gun                        | b. killed           |
| 3. They walked out            | c. my neighborhood  |
| 4. 17 students were           | d. violence         |
| 5. Students stood             | e. be next          |
| 6. The walkout                | f. for 17 minutes   |
| 7. who might                  | g. protested        |
| 8. because of what happens in | h. was for those    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. In Washington                 | a. up to free us      |
| 2. students sat with their backs | b. in 2020            |
| 3. They                          | c. DC                 |
| 4. a gun group                   | d. them now           |
| 5. These young people have shown | e. chanted            |
| 6. the young people will         | f. called the NRA     |
| 7. listen to                     | g. to the White House |
| 8. they will be voters           | h. lead us            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180317-student-protests-0.html>

Students protested (1) \_\_\_\_\_. They walked out of their schools (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 17 students were killed in Florida. Students stood (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for their dead friends. One student said: "The (4) \_\_\_\_\_ those...who (5) \_\_\_\_\_." Another student said: "I came...(6) \_\_\_\_\_ happens in my neighborhood every day."

In Washington DC, students sat (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to the White House (8) \_\_\_\_\_. They chanted against a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the NRA. A U.S. senator said: "These young people have (10) \_\_\_\_\_ free us. I believe the young people (11) \_\_\_\_\_." Students want President Trump to listen (12) \_\_\_\_\_ because they will be voters in 2020.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PROTESTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180317-student-protests-4.html>

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

