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**Level 6 – 7th August, 2019**

**Hong Kong protests 'extremely dangerous,' says leader**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

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The protests began in March against a proposed bill to allow people to be extradited to stand trial in mainland China. They have since developed into calls for greater democracy. On July 1st, hundreds of protesters stormed the Hong Kong legislature building after breaking through glass walls and metal doors. They caused damage inside by spray-painting slogans and defacing flags and paintings. A central government spokesperson strongly condemned the latest demonstrators. He said: "Their conduct has blatantly offended the state and national dignity, wantonly trampled on the bottom line of the 'one country, two systems' principle, and greatly hurt the feelings of the entire Chinese people."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. PROTESTS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about protests. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

concerns / protests / disorder / dangerous / demonstrations / in a row / transport / bill / stand trial / democracy / slogans / paintings / dignity / bottom line / feelings

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. DISRUPTION:** Students A **strongly** believe protests should never disrupt people's lives; Students B **strongly** believe that's no problem. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. HOW TO PROTEST:** What are the pros and cons of these? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Street protests		
Online petitions		
Hunger strikes		
Marches		
Boycotts		
Labor strikes		

**5. DISORDER:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "disorder". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. PROTESTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things to protest against at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- taxes
- corruption
- equality
- equal rights
- democracy
- war
- immigration
- global warming

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1. voiced     | a. Made certain that something will occur or will be the case.                      |
| 2. disorder   | b. Interrupting an event, activity, or process by causing a disturbance or problem. |
| 3. disrupting | c. One after another; consecutively.  |
| 4. verge      | d. Expressed a particular opinion or attitude.                                      |
| 5. in a row   | e. A situation or condition in which there is no movement or activity at all.       |
| 6. standstill | f. The disturbing of peaceful and law-abiding behavior.                             |
| 7. ensured    | g. An extreme limit beyond which something specified will happen.                   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. extradited   | h. A building in which the laws of a country are made.   |
| 9. trial        | i. A motto associated with a political party or movement or other group.   |
| 10. stormed     | j. A fundamental source or basis of something.   |
| 11. legislature | k. A formal examination of evidence before a judge, usually in front of a jury, in order to decide guilt in a criminal case. |
| 12. slogan      | l. In a completely obvious and unsubtle way.   |
| 13. blatantly   | m. Suddenly attacked and captured (a building or other place) by means of force.   |
| 14. principle   | n. Hand over a person accused or convicted of a crime to the country in which the crime was committed.                       |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Hong Kong's leader raised her voice about recent protests. **T / F**
- b. The leader said Hong Kong was on the brink of a dangerous situation. **T / F**
- c. There have been protests in Hong Kong for the past nine weekends. **T / F**
- d. Protestors prevented trains from moving by keeping doors open. **T / F**
- e. The protests are because China wants to extradite people to Hong Kong. **T / F**
- f. China wants people from the mainland to stand trial in Hong Kong. **T / F**
- g. Protestors damaged a government building by using spray paint. **T / F**
- h. Only the feelings of a few Chinese people have been hurt by the protests. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>voiced</b>     | a. halt         |
| 2. <b>ongoing</b>    | b. criticized   |
| 3. <b>verge</b>      | c. expressed    |
| 4. <b>standstill</b> | d. attacked     |
| 5. <b>ensured</b>    | e. brink        |
| 6. <b>extradited</b> | f. whole        |
| 7. <b>stormed</b>    | g. deported     |
| 8. <b>defacing</b>   | h. made certain |
| 9. <b>condemned</b>  | i. vandalizing  |
| 10. <b>entire</b>    | j. continuing   |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                      |                               |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. voiced her concerns               | a. verge                      |
| 2. the public disorder is disrupting | b. spray-painting slogans     |
| 3. pushing it to the                 | c. standstill on Monday       |
| 4. the city was hit with more        | d. trial                      |
| 5. Hong Kong was brought to a        | e. life in the city           |
| 6. a proposed bill to allow people   | f. offended the state         |
| 7. stand                             | g. about the ongoing protests |
| 8. They caused damage inside by      | h. principle                  |
| 9. Their conduct has blatantly       | i. street demonstrations      |
| 10. the 'one country, two systems'   | j. to be extradited           |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam has voiced her (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about the ongoing protests taking place in Hong Kong. She said the public disorder is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ life in the city and is pushing it to "the verge of an extremely dangerous (3) \_\_\_\_\_ ". Her comments came after the city was hit with more street demonstrations in which protestors fought with police for the ninth weekend in a (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The current protests also saw a citywide strike and considerable (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to roads and transport systems. Hong Kong was brought to a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday morning as streets were blocked and 200 flights were cancelled. Demonstrators (7) \_\_\_\_\_ trains could not move by keeping their doors open, angering many (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*situation*  
*standstill*  
*concerns*  
*row*  
*passengers*  
*disrupting*  
*ensured*  
*disruption*

The protests began in March against a proposed (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to allow people to be extradited to stand (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in mainland China. They have since developed into calls for greater democracy. On July 1st, hundreds of protesters stormed the Hong Kong (11) \_\_\_\_\_ building after breaking through glass walls and metal doors. They caused damage inside by spray-painting (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and defacing flags and paintings. A central government spokesperson strongly condemned the latest demonstrators. He said: "Their (13) \_\_\_\_\_ has blatantly offended the state and national (14) \_\_\_\_\_, wantonly trampled on the bottom (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of the 'one country, two systems' principle, and greatly hurt the feelings of the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese people."

*dignity*  
*trial*  
*slogans*  
*entire*  
*bill*  
*line*  
*conduct*  
*legislature*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

- 1) Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam has voiced her concerns about \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the in going protests
  - b. the on grown protests
  - c. the on go in protests
  - d. the ongoing protests
- 2) She said the public disorder is \_\_\_\_\_ in the city
  - a. disrupt in life
  - b. this rapturing life
  - c. dis trapping life
  - d. disrupting life
- 3) She said the public disorder is disrupting life in the city and is pushing it \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to the verge
  - b. to the verve
  - c. to the verse
  - d. to the verb
- 4) demonstrations in which protestors fought with police for the ninth \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. weekend in allow
  - b. weekend in arrow
  - c. weekend in a low
  - d. weekend in a row
- 5) ensured trains could not move by keeping their doors open, \_\_\_\_\_ passengers
  - a. and glaring many
  - b. auger in many
  - c. angering many
  - d. anger in many
- 6) The protests began in March against \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a proposal bill
  - b. a proposed bill
  - c. approval bill
  - d. ape reposed bill
- 7) They caused damage inside by spray-painting slogans \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. end the facing flags
  - b. and defacing flags
  - c. and the face in flags
  - d. end defacing flags
- 8) He said their conduct has blatantly offended the state and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. nation all dignity
  - b. national dignify
  - c. nation all dignify
  - d. national dignity
- 9) trampled on the bottom line of the 'one country, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. choose systems' principal
  - b. two system' principle
  - c. two systems' principal
  - d. two systems' principle
- 10) greatly hurt the feelings of the \_\_\_\_\_ people
  - a. entirety Chinese
  - b. entry Chinese
  - c. in tire Chinese
  - d. entire Chinese

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about the ongoing protests taking place in Hong Kong. She said (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is disrupting life in the city and is pushing it to "the verge of an extremely dangerous situation". Her comments came after the city was hit with more street demonstrations in (3) \_\_\_\_\_ with police for the ninth weekend in a row. The current protests also saw a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ considerable disruption to roads and transport systems. Hong Kong was brought (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday morning as streets were blocked and 200 flights were cancelled. Demonstrators ensured trains could not move by keeping their doors open, (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The protests began in March (7) \_\_\_\_\_ bill to allow people to be extradited to stand trial in mainland China. They have since developed into (8) \_\_\_\_\_ democracy. On July 1st, hundreds of protesters stormed the Hong Kong (9) \_\_\_\_\_ breaking through glass walls and metal doors. They caused damage inside by spray-painting (10) \_\_\_\_\_ flags and paintings. A central government spokesperson strongly condemned the latest demonstrators. He said: "Their conduct has (11) \_\_\_\_\_ state and national dignity, wantonly trampled on the bottom line of the 'one country, two systems' principle, and greatly hurt the feelings (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese people."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

1. What did Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam voice?
2. Over how many weekends have the protests happened?
3. What was there considerable disruption to?
4. How many flights were canceled on Monday?
5. How did protestors stop trains from moving?
6. When did the Hong Kong protests begin?
7. When did protestors attack the Hong Kong legislature?
8. What did the protestors deface inside the legislature?
9. Who strongly condemned the protests?
10. Whose feelings did a spokesperson say had been hurt?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

- 1) What did Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam voice?
  - a) a song
  - b) concerns
  - c) anger
  - d) protests
- 2) Over how many weekends have the protests happened?
  - a) 3
  - b) 5
  - c) 8
  - d) 9
- 3) What was there considerable disruption to?
  - a) parliament
  - b) plans
  - c) roads and transport systems
  - d) airports
- 4) How many flights were canceled on Monday?
  - a) 200
  - b) 220
  - c) 180
  - d) 130
- 5) How did protestors stop trains from moving?
  - a) they stood on tracks
  - b) they kept doors open
  - c) they cut power lines
  - d) they took the train keys
- 6) When did the Hong Kong protests begin?
  - a) in March
  - b) in April
  - c) in May
  - d) in June
- 7) When did protestors attack the Hong Kong legislature?
  - a) June 1st
  - b) June 21st
  - c) July 1st
  - d) July 21st
- 8) What did the protestors deface inside the legislature?
  - a) flags and paintings
  - b) statues and busts
  - c) toilets and mirrors
  - d) desks and chairs
- 9) Who strongly condemned the protests?
  - a) reporters
  - b) teachers
  - c) the police
  - d) a central government spokesperson
- 10) Whose feelings did a spokesperson say had been hurt?
  - a) the people of Hong Kong
  - b) the police
  - c) the entire Chinese people
  - d) the government

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

## **Role A – Increased Tax**

You think increased tax is the biggest reason to protest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't a good reason to protest. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these to protest (and why): government corruption, immigration or global warming.

## **Role B – Government Corruption**

You think government corruption is the biggest reason to protest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't a good reason to protest. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these to protest (and why): increased tax, immigration or global warming.

## **Role C – Immigration**

You think immigration is the biggest reason to protest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't a good reason to protest. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these to protest (and why): government corruption, increased tax or global warming.

## **Role D – Global Warming**

You think global warming is the biggest reason to protest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't a good reason to protest. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these to protest (and why): government corruption, immigration or increased tax.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'protest' and 'dangerous'.

<b>protest</b>	<b>dangerous</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• voiced</li><li>• life</li><li>• police</li><li>• row</li><li>• systems</li><li>• open</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• bill</li><li>• since</li><li>• calls</li><li>• damage</li><li>• central</li><li>• entire</li></ul>
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# PROTESTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.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.

# PROTESTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'protest'?
3. What do you know about Hong Kong?
4. What do you think of protests?
5. What would make you take part in a protest?
6. Should protests disrupt the daily lives of other people?
7. What is the 'dangerous situation' Hong Kong's leader spoke about?
8. How would you feel if a protest canceled your flight?
9. What advice do you have for the protestors?
10. What advice do you have for Carrie Lam?

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# PROTESTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Hong Kong'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think about the protests in Hong Kong?
15. Why are people angry about the extradition bill?
16. How can China end this situation?
17. What protests have there been in your country?
18. How have the protests affected China's national image?
19. What do you know about the 'one country, two systems' principle?
20. What questions would you like to ask Carrie Lam?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The protests began in March against a proposed (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to allow people to be extradited to stand trial in mainland China. They have since developed into calls for greater democracy. On July 1st, hundreds of protesters (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the Hong Kong legislature building after breaking through glass walls and metal doors. They caused damage inside by spray-painting (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and defacing flags and paintings. A central government spokesperson strongly (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the latest demonstrators. He said: "Their conduct has (11) \_\_\_\_\_ offended the state and national dignity, wantonly trampled on the bottom line of the 'one country, two systems' principle, and greatly hurt the feelings of the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese people."

**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                |               |               |                 |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) vocal      | (b) shouted   | (c) voiced    | (d) screamed    |
| 2.  | (a) disrupting | (b) disrupted | (c) disrupts  | (d) distrusts   |
| 3.  | (a) verge      | (b) diverge   | (c) converge  | (d) subvert     |
| 4.  | (a) hit        | (b) smacked   | (c) punched   | (d) slapped     |
| 5.  | (a) took       | (b) brought   | (c) given     | (d) pointed     |
| 6.  | (a) angry      | (b) angered   | (c) angers    | (d) angering    |
| 7.  | (a) receipt    | (b) argument  | (c) bill      | (d) proposition |
| 8.  | (a) hailed     | (b) rained    | (c) thundered | (d) stormed     |
| 9.  | (a) slogans    | (b) sleds     | (c) sleighs   | (d) slides      |
| 10. | (a) redeemed   | (b) condemned | (c) cornered  | (d) refined     |
| 11. | (a) belittled  | (b) blatantly | (c) blasted   | (d) brightly    |
| 12. | (a) wholly     | (b) all       | (c) entire    | (d) really      |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. concerns about the ogniong protests
2. usrpiitdng life in the city
3. pushing it to the revge
4. a citywide strike and considerable usrpiitdon
5. Hong Kong was brought to a danstitsll
6. Demonstrators seruned trains could not move

## Paragraph 2

7. allow people to be trdaeixetd to stand trial
8. calls for greater mcoerdca
9. spray-painting logasns
10. Their conduct has abnattlly offended the state
11. national igndtiy
12. the feelings of the tneire Chinese people

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) The protests began in March against a proposed bill to allow people to be extradited to stand trial in mainland
- ( **1** ) Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam has voiced her concerns about the ongoing protests taking
- ( ) disruption to roads and transport systems. Hong Kong was brought to a standstill on Monday
- ( ) metal doors. They caused damage inside by spray-painting slogans and defacing flags and
- ( ) with police for the ninth weekend in a row. The current protests also saw a citywide strike and considerable
- ( ) dangerous situation". Her comments came after the city was hit with more street demonstrations in which protestors fought
- ( ) of protesters stormed the Hong Kong legislature building after breaking through glass walls and
- ( ) China. They have since developed into calls for greater democracy. On July 1st, hundreds
- ( ) paintings. A central government spokesperson strongly condemned the latest demonstrators. He said: "Their conduct has blatantly
- ( ) offended the state and national dignity, wantonly trampled on the bottom line of the 'one country,
- ( ) morning as streets were blocked and 200 flights were cancelled. Demonstrators ensured trains
- ( ) place in Hong Kong. She said the public disorder is disrupting life in the city and is pushing it to "the verge of an extremely
- ( ) could not move by keeping their doors open, angering many passengers.
- ( ) two systems' principle, and greatly hurt the feelings of the entire Chinese people."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

1. voiced the concerns Lam about her ongoing protests .
2. is Public life disrupting disorder in the city .
3. city was hit with more The street demonstrations .
4. current saw also protests a The citywide strike .
5. Kong brought Hong a to was standstill on Monday .
6. people to be extradited to Allow stand trial .
7. have calls into developed for They greater democracy .
8. caused damage inside by They spray-painting slogans .
9. government condemned strongly spokesperson the A latest demonstrators .
10. the of Hurt entire the feelings Chinese people .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190807-hong-kong-protests.html>

Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam has *versed / voiced* her concerns about the ongoing protests *taking / taken* place in Hong Kong. She said the public disorder is *enrapturing / disrupting* life in the city and is pushing it to "the *verge / verse* of an extremely dangerous situation". Her comments came after the city was hit *with / within* more street demonstrations in which protestors fought with police for the ninth weekend in a *column / row*. The current protests also saw a citywide *strike / hit* and considerable disruption to roads and transport systems. Hong Kong was brought to a *standstill / stood still* on Monday morning as streets were blocked and 200 flights were *cancel / cancelled*. Demonstrators ensured trains could not move by keeping their doors open, *angering / angered* many passengers.

The protests began in March against a *proposition / proposed* bill to allow people to be extradited to stand *trail / trial* in mainland China. They have since developed *onto / into* calls for greater democracy. On July 1st, hundreds of protesters *thundered / stormed* the Hong Kong legislature building after breaking through glass walls and *mental / metal* doors. They caused damage inside by spray-painting slogans and *defacing / faced* flags and paintings. A central government spokesperson strongly *concerned / condemned* the latest demonstrators. He said: "Their conduct has blatantly offended the state and national *dignify / dignity*, wantonly trampled on the bottom line of the 'one country, two systems' *principle / principal*, and greatly hurt the *feelings / feeling* of the entire Chinese people."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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p\_\_ p\_l\_ . "

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the protests began in march against a proposed bill to allow people to be extradited to stand trial in mainland china they have since developed into calls for greater democracy on july 1st hundreds of protesters stormed the hong kong legislature building after breaking through glass walls and metal doors they caused damage inside by spray painting slogans and defacing flags and paintings a central government spokesperson strongly condemned the latest demonstrators he said their conduct has blatantly offended the state and national dignity wantonly trampled on the bottom line of the one country two systems principle and greatly hurt the feelings of the entire chinese people"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. HONG KONG:** Make a poster about Hong Kong. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PROTESTS:** Write a magazine article about protests. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on protests. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on protests. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. f    3. b    4. g    5. c    6. e    7. a  
8. n    9. k    10. m    11. h    12. i    13. l    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c T    d T    e F    f F    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>voiced</b>     | a. expressed    |
| 2. <b>ongoing</b>    | b. continuing   |
| 3. <b>verge</b>      | c. brink        |
| 4. <b>standstill</b> | d. halt         |
| 5. <b>ensured</b>    | e. made certain |
| 6. <b>extradited</b> | f. deported     |
| 7. <b>stormed</b>    | g. attacked     |
| 8. <b>defacing</b>   | h. vandalizing  |
| 9. <b>condemned</b>  | i. criticized   |
| 10. <b>entire</b>    | j. whole        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Concerns
- Nine
- Roads and transport systems
- 200
- They kept doors open
- In March
- July 1st
- Flags and paintings
- A central government spokesperson
- The entire Chinese people

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Lam voiced her concerns about the ongoing protests.
- Public disorder is disrupting life in the city.
- The city was hit with more street demonstrations.
- The current protests also saw a citywide strike.
- Hong Kong was brought to a standstill on Monday.
- Allow people to be extradited to stand trial.
- They have developed into calls for greater democracy.
- They caused damage inside by spray-painting slogans.
- A government spokesperson strongly condemned the latest demonstrators.
- Hurt the feelings of the entire Chinese people.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)