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Bougainville may be the world's next country

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191213-bougainville-independence-5.html>

There is a possibility of a new member being added to the global family of nations. Bougainville in Papua New Guinea (PNG) has voted overwhelmingly for independence. A two-week referendum was held on the island. It ended on the 7th of December. It was a non-binding referendum, which means the PNG government does not have to make it law. However, PNG should now consider acting on the result of the vote. Voters voted for greater autonomy or full independence. Over 181,000 people cast their vote and nearly 98 per cent of them voted in favour of independence.

Bougainville is the largest of the PNG chain of islands. It is geographically part of the Solomon Islands. It used to be called the Republic of North Solomons. It has a population of 250,000 people. Bougainvilleans started a fight for independence in the 1960s. This was a decade before PNG got independence in 1975. Bougainville became part of PNG in 1976. This started the Bougainville Civil War between 1988–1998, in which 20,000 people lost their lives. The Prime Minister of PNG said his government was committed to adhering to the poll's result.

Sources: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-12-11/bougainville-independence-referendum-result/11787434>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-50739203>
<https://www.smh.com.au/world/oceania/bougainville-votes-overwhelmingly-for-independence-from-png-20191211-p53iw6.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. added to the global | a. for independence |
| 2. voted overwhelmingly | b. their vote |
| 3. A two-week referendum | c. referendum |
| 4. It was a non-binding | d. of independence |
| 5. make it | e. autonomy |
| 6. greater | f. family of nations |
| 7. Over 181,000 people cast | g. was held |
| 8. voted in favour | h. law |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the largest of the PNG | a. independence |
| 2. It is geographically part of | b. got independence |
| 3. started a fight for | c. result |
| 4. a decade before PNG | d. their lives |
| 5. Bougainville became part | e. committed |
| 6. 20,000 people lost | f. of PNG in 1976 |
| 7. his government was | g. chain of islands |
| 8. adhering to the poll's | h. the Solomon Islands |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is (1) _____ a new member being added to the global (2) _____. Bougainville in Papua New Guinea (PNG) has voted overwhelmingly for independence. A two-week referendum was held on the island. It ended on the 7th of December. It (3) _____ referendum, which means the PNG government does not have to make it law. However, PNG should (4) _____ on the result of the vote. Voters voted for (5) _____ full independence. Over 181,000 people cast their vote and nearly 98 per cent of them (6) _____ of independence.

Bougainville is the largest of the PNG (7) _____. It is geographically part of the Solomon Islands. It used (8) _____ the Republic of North Solomons. It has a population of 250,000 people. Bougainvilleans (9) _____ for independence in the 1960s. This was (10) _____ PNG got independence in 1975. Bougainville became part of PNG in 1976. This started the Bougainville (11) _____ 1988–1998, in which 20,000 people lost their lives. The Prime Minister of PNG said his government was committed (12) _____ the poll's result.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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INDEPENDENCE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about independence 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) _____

