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Level 0 – 8th August, 2021

Taliban capture first Afghan provincial capital city

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Taliban now control a capital city in Afghanistan for the first time since 2001. They beat Afghan soldiers in the city of Zaranj. This will help Taliban fighters in other provinces. The Taliban said: "This is just the beginning. Other provinces will fall into our hands." The Taliban may soon fight for the nation's capital Kabul.

Western countries spent 20 years training the Afghan army. However, the Taliban never gave up fighting. The USA and UK are pulling their soldiers out. The United Nations says the fighting has entered "a new, deadlier phase". It warned that the country was heading for disaster.

Sources: <https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2021/08/06/asia/afghanistan-taliban-zaranj-nimroz-intl/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. The Taliban now control a | a. capital Kabul |
| 2. for the first time | b. capital city |
| 3. Taliban | c. provinces |
| 4. This is just the | d. fight |
| 5. other | e. beginning |
| 6. fall into our | f. since 2001 |
| 7. The Taliban may soon | g. hands |
| 8. the nation's | h. fighters |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Western | a. and UK |
| 2. training the Afghan | b. countries |
| 3. the Taliban never gave | c. disaster |
| 4. The USA | d. Nations |
| 5. pulling their | e. up fighting |
| 6. United | f. phase |
| 7. a new, deadlier | g. army |
| 8. heading for | h. soldiers out |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Taliban now (1) _____ city in Afghanistan for the first time since 2001. They beat Afghan soldiers (2) _____ of Zaranj. This will help Taliban fighters (3) _____. The Taliban said: "This (4) _____ beginning. Other provinces will fall (5) _____." The Taliban may soon (6) _____ nation's capital Kabul.

Western (7) _____ years training the Afghan army. However, the Taliban (8) _____ fighting. The USA and UK (9) _____ soldiers out. The United Nations (10) _____ has entered "a new, deadlier phase". (11) _____ the country was (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AFGHANISTAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Afghanistan 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

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