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Level 4 – 17th October, 2022

Former Malaysia leader to run for office aged 97

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Age is just a number. Malaysia's ex-leader Mahathir Mohamad, 97, is proving this. He is rolling back the years and running for office again. He has been the country's leader twice before. The first time was for 22 years, between 1981 and 2003. He did not tell journalists whether or not he wants the top job again. He said: "We have not decided who will be prime minister because the prime minister candidate is only relevant if we win."

Mahathir Mohamad became a member of parliament in 1964. He is thought of as being a visionary for greatly improving his country's economy throughout the 1980s. His run for parliament is his 11th election campaign. Many have their doubts about his chances of success because of his recent ill health. He has had several heart attacks and had quadruple bypass surgery. He left hospital last month after contracting Covid-19.

Sources: <https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/politics/article/3195595/malysias-mahathir-mohamad-97-contest-election-save-country-umno>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Age is | a. job again |
| 2. He is rolling | b. twice before |
| 3. running for | c. was for 22 years |
| 4. He has been the country's leader | d. back the years |
| 5. The first time | e. candidate |
| 6. He did not tell | f. office |
| 7. he wants the top | g. journalists |
| 8. the prime minister | h. just a number |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. a member | a. health |
| 2. He is thought of as | b. last month |
| 3. his 11th election | c. being a visionary |
| 4. his chances of | d. of parliament |
| 5. because of his recent ill | e. surgery |
| 6. He has had several | f. success |
| 7. quadruple bypass | g. campaign |
| 8. He left hospital | h. heart attacks |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Age (1) _____ number. Malaysia's ex-leader Mahathir Mohamad, 97, is proving this. (2) _____ back the years and running (3) _____. He has been the country's leader twice before. The (4) _____ for 22 years, between 1981 and 2003. He did not tell journalists (5) _____ he wants the top job again. He said: "We have not decided who will be prime minister because the prime minister candidate is (6) _____ we win."

Mahathir Mohamad became (7) _____ parliament in 1964. He is thought of as being (8) _____ greatly improving his country's economy throughout the 1980s. His (9) _____ is his 11th election campaign. Many have their (10) _____ chances of success because of his recent ill health. He has had several heart attacks and (11) _____ surgery. He left hospital (12) _____ contracting Covid-19.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AGE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about age 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) _____

