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Level 0

Police arrest a coconut

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THE READING

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Maldives police arrested a "suspicious" coconut. It had Arabic writing on it. It was a "sura" (a verse from the Koran). People said it was full of black magic. The magic might change the results of Saturday's national election. The police spoke to a "ruqyah" (a good magician). He said the coconut was fake and had no magic.

The police said it was a joke. People would understand this and not do it again. Many people on the Maldives believe in black magic. Teachers worried it would make students ill. A religious leader said it was time to stop black magic. He said it was a sin. He also said it caused problems for many families in the Maldives.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. suspicious | a. imitation |
| 2. writing | b. poem |
| 3. verse | c. filled |
| 4. full | d. talked |
| 5. results | e. dishonest-looking |
| 6. national | f. decision |
| 7. spoke | g. words |
| 8. fake | h. state |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. joke | a. head |
| 2. understand | b. sick |
| 3. worried | c. get |
| 4. ill | d. difficulties |
| 5. leader | e. trick |
| 6. caused | f. stressed |
| 7. problems | g. a lot of |
| 8. many | h. created |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Maldives (1) _____ "suspicious" coconut. It had Arabic (2) _____. It was a "sura" (a verse from the Koran). People (3) _____ of black magic. The magic (4) _____ results of Saturday's national election. (5) _____ a "ruqyah" (a good magician). He said the coconut (6) _____ no magic.

The police (7) _____. People would understand this (8) _____. Many people on the Maldives believe in black magic. Teachers (9) _____ make students ill. A religious leader (10) _____ to stop black magic. He (11) _____. He also said it caused problems (12) _____ in the Maldives.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

