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Level 0

U.N. 'very sorry' as Syria talks end in failure

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THE READING

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Lakhdar Brahimi said sorry to Syrians. His job was to help end the civil war. It is the second time the government and rebels have talked. There are many problems. Syrians want a peace deal, not more fighting. Over 140,000 have died and three million need help. Mr Brahimi told both sides to think more carefully.

Both sides are angry. Mr Brahimi asked if they wanted to talk again. There is no date for more talks. The UK said it was very sad that there is no peace. Rebels said Syria's government was not serious. They said nothing positive happened. Syria's government called the rebels "amateurs". Mr Brahimi hopes there will be more talks.

Sources: <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2014/02/16/world/u-n-very-sorry-as-syria-talks-end-in-failure/>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Lakhdar Brahimi said | a. more fighting |
| 2. His job was to help | b. time |
| 3. It is the second | c. help |
| 4. There are many | d. end the civil war |
| 5. Syrians want a peace deal, not | e. think more carefully |
| 6. Over 140,000 | f. sorry to Syrians |
| 7. three million need | g. have died |
| 8. Mr Brahimi told both sides to | h. problems |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Both sides are | a. was not serious |
| 2. they wanted | b. for more talks |
| 3. There is no date | c. will be more talks |
| 4. The UK said it was very sad | d. positive happened |
| 5. Rebels said Syria's government | e. angry |
| 6. They said nothing | f. "amateurs" |
| 7. Syria's government called the rebels | g. to talk again |
| 8. Brahimi hopes there | h. that there is no peace |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Lakhdar Brahimi (1) _____ Syrians. His job was to help (2) _____. It is the second time the government and (3) _____. There are many problems. Syrians (4) _____, not more fighting. (5) _____ have died and three million need help. Mr Brahimi told both (6) _____ more carefully.

Both (7) _____. Mr Brahimi asked if they wanted to talk again. There is no date (8) _____. The UK said (9) _____ that there is no peace. Rebels said Syria's government (10) _____. They said (11) _____. Syria's government called the rebels "amateurs". Mr Brahimi hopes there (12) _____.

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) _____

