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Somalia postal service back after 20 years

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THE READING

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Somalia has restarted its postal system. The old postal service finished in 1991 because of wars. Mail deliveries stopped for over 20 years. Somalia is a little more peaceful now. There will be nationwide postcodes for the first time. The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications told the BBC he was excited about the new service. He said people can now receive letters from abroad. The next step is for people to send letters to other countries.

The return of the postal service shows Somalia is getting back to normal. Another example of this is the country's first ever cash machine (ATM). It is in a hotel in the capital city Mogadishu. The hotel's manager said a few people used the ATM. Most guests don't know there is an ATM in Somalia. They don't have a credit card to use it. The Chinese embassy is also back, for the first time in 23 years. Somalia's leader said China is an important partner.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-29606447>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Somalia has restarted | a. Telecommunications |
| 2. The old postal service finished | b. countries |
| 3. Mail deliveries stopped for | c. in 1991 |
| 4. There will be nationwide postcodes | d. over 20 years |
| 5. The Minister of Posts and | e. step |
| 6. he was excited | f. its postal system |
| 7. The next | g. for the first time |
| 8. send letters to other | h. about the new service |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The return of | a. don't know |
| 2. Somalia is getting | b. in 23 years |
| 3. Another example | c. ever cash machine |
| 4. the country's first | d. back to normal |
| 5. in the capital | e. also back |
| 6. Most guests | f. city |
| 7. The Chinese embassy is | g. the postal service |
| 8. for the first time | h. of this |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Somalia has restarted (1) _____. The old postal service (2) _____ because of wars. Mail deliveries stopped (3) _____. Somalia is a little more peaceful now. There will be (4) _____ for the first time. The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications told the BBC (5) _____ the new service. He said people can now receive letters from abroad. The next step is for people (6) _____ other countries.

The return of the postal service shows Somalia (7) _____ normal. Another example of this is the country's (8) _____ machine (ATM). It is in a hotel (9) _____ Mogadishu. The hotel's manager said a few people used the ATM. Most (10) _____ there is an ATM in Somalia. They don't have a credit card to use it. The Chinese embassy (11) _____, for the first (12) _____. Somalia's leader said China is an important partner.

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **mail** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
