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Indian PM says no to temple in his name

15th February, 2015

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1502/150215-temple-5.html>

A temple built and named to honour India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi might have to be renamed. Supporters of India's leader hoped to inaugurate the temple on Sunday in Mr Modi's home state, but they have had to abandon the idea. Mr Modi is opposed to it. He said he was horrified by the idea of a temple in his name. His supporters already unveiled a statue of Modi, which shows him sitting under the symbol of his political party. Modi tweeted: "I was appalled. This is shocking and against India's great traditions. Building such temples is not what our culture teaches us."

Discussions are now going on over what to do with the temple and statue. Some suggest replacing the statue with the figure of a Hindu god. Others think the statue should stay in honour of Mr Modi. Paresh Rawal, who donated the land for the temple, said: "We love Modi and worship him because he is the finest leader we have ever had." Another supporter told the AFP news agency: "We believe he is an incarnation of God as after he became chief minister...things changed for the better." Modi said people should use their time and resources in working towards a cleaner India.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1426159/indian-pm-calls-halt-to-temple-dedication>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-31433695>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. built and named to honour | a. by the idea |
| 2. Supporters | b. great traditions |
| 3. inaugurate the temple | c. statue of Modi |
| 4. they have had to | d. teaches us |
| 5. He said he was horrified | e. India's Prime Minister |
| 6. unveiled a | f. of India's leader |
| 7. against India's | g. abandon the idea |
| 8. not what our culture | h. on Sunday |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Discussions are now going | a. of God |
| 2. Some suggest | b. worship him |
| 3. the figure | c. replacing the statue |
| 4. Others think the | d. have ever had |
| 5. We love Modi and | e. a cleaner India |
| 6. the finest leader we | f. on over what to do |
| 7. We believe he is an incarnation | g. of a Hindu god |
| 8. working towards | h. statue should stay |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A temple (1) _____ honour India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi might have to be renamed. Supporters of India's leader hoped to (2) _____ on Sunday in Mr Modi's home state, but they have had to abandon the idea. Mr Modi (3) _____. He said he was (4) _____ of a temple in his name. His supporters already unveiled a statue of Modi, which shows him sitting (5) _____ his political party. Modi tweeted: "I was appalled. This is shocking and against India's great traditions. Building such temples is not what (6) _____."

Discussions are now (7) _____ to do with the temple and statue. Some suggest replacing the statue (8) _____ a Hindu god. Others think the statue should stay in honour of Mr Modi. Paresh Rawal, who (9) _____ for the temple, said: "We love Modi and worship him because he is the finest leader (10) _____." Another supporter told the AFP news agency: "We believe he is an (11) _____ as after he became chief minister...things changed for the better." Modi said people should use their time and resources in (12) _____ cleaner India.

TEMPLES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1502/150215-temple-5.html>

Write five GOOD questions about temples 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)

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)

