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Level 0

Castro and Obama in historic handshake

13th April

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THE READING

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The USA and Cuba may soon be friends. The leaders of the two countries shook hands at a meeting. The handshake is very important. Leaders from two countries have not spoken to each other for over 50 years. America stopped its citizens from going to Cuba. The USA said Cuba supported terrorism.

The leaders will discuss a better future together. It will be the highest-level talks since 1959. President Obama thinks the idea to cut Cuba off did not work. He said the Cuban people are "extraordinary" and have "huge potential". He said Cubans now want to move forward. Cuba and the USA are just 151 km apart.

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2015/04/10/politics/obama-raul-castro-panama-cuba/index.html>
<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/cuba/article18102170.html>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The USA and Cuba may soon | a. to each other |
| 2. leaders of | b. very important |
| 3. shook | c. the two countries |
| 4. The handshake is | d. 50 years |
| 5. the two countries have not spoken | e. be friends |
| 6. for over | f. terrorism |
| 7. America stopped its citizens | g. hands |
| 8. The USA said Cuba supported | h. from going to Cuba |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. discuss a better | a. potential |
| 2. the highest- | b. off did not work |
| 3. since | c. move forward |
| 4. the idea to cut Cuba | d. future together |
| 5. the Cuban people are | e. apart |
| 6. huge | f. level talks |
| 7. Cubans now want to | g. "extraordinary" |
| 8. just 151 km | h. 1959 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The USA and Cuba (1) _____. The leaders of the two countries (2) _____ a meeting. The handshake (3) _____. Leaders from two countries have not spoken (4) _____ over 50 years. America stopped (5) _____ going to Cuba. The USA said Cuba (6) _____.

The leaders (7) _____ better future together. It will be the highest-(8) _____ 1959. President Obama thinks (9) _____ Cuba off did not work. He said the Cuban people (10) _____ and have "huge potential". He said Cubans (11) _____ move forward. Cuba and the USA are (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) _____

