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China and Taiwan in historic meeting

7th November, 2015

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THE READING

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A historic event involving China and Taiwan will take place today, November the 7th. Chinese president Xi Jinping and Taiwanese president Ma Ying-Jeou will meet for discussions. It is the first summit at presidential level between China and Taiwan since the end of China's civil war in 1949. Taiwan is just 180 km from China but their relations have been difficult for decades. China believes Taiwan is part of its territory and not a separate nation. Only 22 countries recognise Taiwan as an independent country. Its status is one of the more difficult world problems to solve.

The meeting is a major stepping stone to repair decades-old differences. It could lead to similar meetings in the future. Special etiquette is already in place. The two parties have decided not to use the term "president" to address each other. Instead, they will use the word "mister". Further, the two leaders will not sign any agreements, issue any joint statements or hold a joint press conference. The meeting is to, "exchange views on promoting the peaceful development of...relations". The talks also, "aim to solidify relations between the two sides and keep the status quo".

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A historic event involving | a. part of its territory |
| 2. meet for | b. world problems |
| 3. It is the first summit | c. 180 km from China |
| 4. since the end of China's civil | d. difficult for decades |
| 5. Taiwan is just | e. China |
| 6. relations have been | f. discussions |
| 7. China believes Taiwan is | g. war |
| 8. one of the more difficult | h. at presidential level |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. a major stepping | a. address each other |
| 2. repair decades- | b. meetings in the future |
| 3. It could lead to similar | c. any agreements |
| 4. Special etiquette is | d. between the two sides |
| 5. the term "president" to | e. stone |
| 6. the two leaders will not sign | f. conference |
| 7. a joint press | g. old differences |
| 8. solidify relations | h. already in place |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ involving China and Taiwan will take place today, November the 7th. Chinese president Xi Jinping and Taiwanese president Ma Ying-Jeou (2) _____. It is the first summit at presidential level between China and Taiwan (3) _____ China's civil war in 1949. Taiwan is just 180 km from China (4) _____ have been difficult for decades. China believes Taiwan is part of its territory and (5) _____ nation. Only 22 countries recognise Taiwan as an independent country. Its status is (6) _____ difficult world problems to solve.

The meeting (7) _____ stepping stone to repair decades-old differences. It (8) _____ similar meetings in the future. Special etiquette is (9) _____. The two parties have decided not to use the term "president" (10) _____. Instead, they will use the word "mister". Further, the two leaders will not sign any agreements, issue any joint statements or hold a (11) _____. The meeting is to, "exchange views on promoting the peaceful development of...relations". The talks also, "(12) _____ relations between the two sides and keep the status quo".

CHINA AND TAIWAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about China and Taiwan 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)

