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Level 1

Colombia and FARC rebels sign peace deal

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Colombians are happy because the government signed a peace deal with the rebel group FARC. It ends 52 years of fighting. Over 220,000 people died and millions lost their home. There were two years of talks between the two sides. Colombia's president said it was, "the beginning of the end to the suffering, pain and tragedy of war". A spokesman said: "This agreement opens the door to a more inclusive society." Both sides will now work together for the victims.

FARC started during the Cold War. It will now help in the process to shape Colombia's future. In the capital city, thousands of people celebrated the peace on the streets. One Colombian said: "I can die in peace because finally I'll see my country without violence, with a future for my children." Colombians will vote on the peace deal in October. The president said: "It will be the most important election of our lives."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-37180752>
<http://thebogotapost.com/2016/08/24/farc-peace-talks-conclude-comprehensive-agreement/>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FARC>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Colombians are | a. died |
| 2. the government signed | b. of fighting |
| 3. the rebel | c. war |
| 4. It ends 52 years | d. group FARC |
| 5. Over 220,000 people | e. happy |
| 6. millions lost | f. between the two sides |
| 7. two years of talks | g. a peace deal |
| 8. tragedy of | h. their home |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Both sides will now | a. celebrated |
| 2. FARC started during | b. in the process |
| 3. It will now help | c. city |
| 4. shape Colombia's | d. violence |
| 5. In the capital | e. work together |
| 6. thousands of people | f. of our lives |
| 7. I'll see my country without | g. the Cold War |
| 8. the most important election | h. future |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Colombians are happy because the government (1) _____ deal with the rebel group FARC. It ends 52 (2) _____. Over 220,000 people died and millions (3) _____. There were two years of talks between the two sides. Colombia's president said it was, "(4) _____ the end to the suffering, pain and tragedy of war". A spokesman said: "This (5) _____ door to a more inclusive society." Both sides will now work together (6) _____.

FARC (7) _____ Cold War. It will now help in the (8) _____ Colombia's future. In the capital city, thousands of people (9) _____ on the streets. One Colombian said: "I can die (10) _____ finally I'll see my country (11) _____, with a future for my children." Colombians will vote on the peace deal in October. The president said: "It will be the most (12) _____ of our lives."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PEACE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about peace 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) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **peace** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
