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Level 1

Philippines to split from USA

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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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The Philippines president Rodrigo Duterte said his country will move away from the USA and work with China. Mr Duterte might also get closer to Russia. He said: "Maybe I will...talk to Putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world - China, the Philippines and Russia." Duterte said he would end military and economic agreements with the USA. He told the USA: "Your stay in my country was for your own benefit. So it is time to say goodbye."

Things could now change in Asia. China will be stronger and the USA will be weaker. The USA may have to leave its military bases in the Philippines. This would be a big problem for the USA. A US spokesman said it could change its whole approach to the region. The US and the Philippines were close partners for 65 years. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' wrote about the change. It said China has just turned an old rival into a friend.

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/10/20/politics/rodrigo-duterte-us-interests-philippines/>
<http://www.manilatimes.net/duterte-announces-separation-us/292340/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Philippines | a. for your own benefit |
| 2. his country will move | b. China |
| 3. work with | c. to say goodbye |
| 4. Duterte might also get closer | d. agreements with the USA |
| 5. there are three of us | e. president |
| 6. end military and economic | f. against the world |
| 7. Your stay in my country was | g. away from the USA |
| 8. So it is time | h. to Russia |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Things could now | a. to leave |
| 2. China will be | b. bases |
| 3. The USA may have | c. rival into a friend |
| 4. military | d. approach to the region |
| 5. This would be a big problem | e. change in Asia |
| 6. it could change its whole | f. for 65 years |
| 7. close partners | g. stronger |
| 8. China has just turned an old | h. for the USA |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Philippines president Rodrigo Duterte (1) _____ will move away from the USA and work with China. Mr Duterte might (2) _____ to Russia. He said: "Maybe I will...talk to Putin (3) _____ there are three of us (4) _____ - China, the Philippines and Russia." Duterte said he would end military and (5) _____ with the USA. He told the USA: "Your stay in my country was for (6) _____. So it is time to say goodbye."

Things (7) _____ in Asia. China will be stronger and the USA (8) _____. The USA may have to leave its (9) _____ the Philippines. This would be a big problem for the USA. A US spokesman (10) _____ change its whole approach to the region. The US and the Philippines were (11) _____ 65 years. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' wrote about the change. It said China has just turned (12) _____ into a friend.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE PHILIPPINES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Philippines 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 **the Philippines** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
