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Level 1

U.S. student walkout to protest gun violence

17th March, 2018

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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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Students in the USA protested against gun violence on Wednesday. They walked out of their schools. This was a month after 17 students were killed in Florida. At the school where that tragedy happened, students stood for 17 minutes for their dead friends. One student said: "The walkout was for those who will never be here again, [and] for those who might be next." Another student said: "I came...because of what happens in my neighborhood every day."

In Washington DC, students sat with their backs to the White House for 17 minutes. They chanted against a gun group called the NRA. A U.S. senator spoke at a rally in the capital. She said: "The NRA has held Congress hostage for years now. These young people have shown up to free us. I believe the young people will lead us." Many students said they would be old enough to vote in the 2020 elections, so President Trump should listen to them now.

Sources: <https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2018/03/14/student-walkout-taps-well-of-anger-mourning.html>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/14/us/school-walkout.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Students in the USA | a. next |
| 2. gun | b. tragedy happened |
| 3. They walked out | c. every day |
| 4. a month after 17 students | d. violence |
| 5. the school where that | e. protested |
| 6. those who will never | f. were killed |
| 7. those who might be | g. be here again |
| 8. what happens in my neighborhood | h. of their schools |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. students sat with their backs to | a. gun group |
| 2. They chanted against a | b. the 2020 elections |
| 3. A U.S. senator spoke | c. years |
| 4. in the | d. to them now |
| 5. held Congress hostage for | e. capital |
| 6. young people have shown up to | f. at a rally |
| 7. old enough to vote in | g. free us |
| 8. President Trump should listen | h. the White House |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Students in the USA (1) _____ gun violence on Wednesday. They (2) _____ their schools. This was a month after 17 students were killed in Florida. At the school (3) _____ happened, students stood for 17 minutes for their dead friends. One student said: "The walkout was (4) _____ will never be here again, [and] for those who (5) _____." Another student said: "I came...because of what (6) _____ neighborhood every day."

In Washington DC, students sat (7) _____ to the White House for 17 minutes. They (8) _____ a gun group called the NRA. A U.S. senator spoke (9) _____ in the capital. She said: "The NRA has held Congress hostage for years now. These young people have (10) _____ free us. I believe the young people will lead us." Many students said they would be (11) _____ vote in the 2020 elections, so President Trump should (12) _____ now.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PROTESTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180317-student-protests-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about protests 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) _____

