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Level 2

U.S. student walkout to protest gun violence

17th March, 2018

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Students in the USA took part in a protest against gun violence on Wednesday by walking out of their schools. Their protest was a month after the February 14 Florida shooting in which 17 students lost their lives. At the high school where last month's tragedy took place, students gathered for 17 minutes to remember their 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 happened in Florida, [and] because of what happens in my neighborhood every day."

In Washington DC, hundreds of students gathered outside the White House. They sat with their backs to the building for 17 minutes. They chanted against the powerful gun group the National Rifle Association (NRA). A U.S. senator spoke at a rally outside the Capitol building. 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 wanted to remind President Trump that they would be old enough to vote in the 2020 elections, so he 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>
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/students-plan-national-school-walkout-to-protest-shootings-1521019801>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a protest against | a. happened in Florida |
| 2. walking out of their | b. gun violence |
| 3. where last month's | c. be here again |
| 4. remember their | d. every day |
| 5. for those who will never | e. tragedy took place |
| 6. for those who might be | f. friends |
| 7. because of what | g. next |
| 8. what happens in my neighborhood | h. schools |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. hundreds of students | a. powerful gun group |
| 2. They sat with their backs | b. the 2020 elections |
| 3. They chanted against the | c. up to free us |
| 4. A U.S. senator spoke at | d. gathered |
| 5. outside the | e. to them now |
| 6. These young people have shown | f. Capitol building |
| 7. old enough to vote in | g. to the building |
| 8. he should listen | h. a rally |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Students in the USA (1) _____ a protest against gun violence on Wednesday by (2) _____ their schools. Their protest was a month after the February 14 Florida shooting in which 17 students (3) _____. At the high school where last month's (4) _____, students gathered for 17 minutes to remember their friends. One student said: "The walkout was for those who will never be here again, [and] for those who (5) _____." Another student said: "I came...because of what happened in Florida, [and] because of (6) _____ my neighborhood every day."

In Washington DC, hundreds of students (1) _____ White House. They sat (2) _____ to the building for 17 minutes. They chanted against the powerful gun group the National Rifle Association (NRA). A U.S. (3) _____ a rally outside the Capitol building. She said: "The NRA has held Congress (4) _____ now. These young people have shown up to free us. I believe the young people will lead us." Many students (5) _____ President Trump that they would be old (6) _____ in the 2020 elections, so he should listen to them 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) _____

