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Level 2 – 2nd March, 2019

Kashmir crisis halts flights to Pakistan

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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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Tensions between India and Pakistan are growing. People are worried the two countries are heading for war. Pakistan shot down two Indian military jets on Wednesday. They captured an Indian fighter pilot. This happened after Indian jets dropped bombs on Pakistani territory. India said it was bombing a terrorist base linked to a suicide car bombing that killed at least 40 Indian police officers in Indian-controlled Kashmir. It is the first time Indian jets have hit Pakistan since a 1971 war. Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has called for peace talks.

Pakistan closed its airspace on Wednesday. International airlines have suspended flights to Pakistan and some parts of India. Airlines that fly over India and Pakistan had to re-route flights to avoid the region. An aviation expert said about 800 flights a day use the India-Pakistan air route. He said it was "very critical". He added: "You can't fly over China, so you have to fly over Pakistan and India and go to Southeast Asia and Australia. Most of the traffic destined for Bangkok and Singapore will have to fly over Iran and then possibly take a detour."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the two countries are | a. have hit Pakistan |
| 2. They captured an Indian | b. car bombing |
| 3. India said it was bombing | c. talks |
| 4. linked to a suicide | d. a terrorist base |
| 5. in Indian- | e. 1971 war |
| 6. the first time Indian jets | f. fighter pilot |
| 7. since a | g. controlled Kashmir |
| 8. called for peace | h. heading for war |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Pakistan closed its | a. critical |
| 2. airlines have suspended | b. of India |
| 3. some parts | c. expert |
| 4. re-route flights to | d. detour |
| 5. An aviation | e. day |
| 6. about 800 flights a | f. flights to Pakistan |
| 7. it was very | g. avoid the region |
| 8. take a | h. airspace |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tensions between India and Pakistan are growing. People are worried the two countries are (1) _____. Pakistan shot down two Indian (2) _____ Wednesday. They captured an Indian fighter pilot. This happened after Indian jets (3) _____ Pakistani territory. India said it was bombing a terrorist base linked (4) _____ car bombing that (5) _____ 40 Indian police officers in Indian-controlled Kashmir. It is the first time Indian jets have hit Pakistan since a 1971 war. Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has called (6) _____.

Pakistan (7) _____ on Wednesday. International airlines (8) _____ to Pakistan and some parts of India. Airlines that fly over India and Pakistan had to re-route flights to avoid the region. An (9) _____ about 800 flights a day use the India-Pakistan air route. He said it (10) _____. He added: "You can't fly over China, so you have to fly over Pakistan and India and go to Southeast Asia and Australia. Most (11) _____ destined for Bangkok and Singapore will have to fly over Iran and then possibly (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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KASHMIR SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Kashmir 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 **Kashmir** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
