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Level 4 – 10th June 2024

Somalia wins UN Security Council seat

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Somalia has been elected as a member of the UN Security Council. It is the first time for Somalia to hold that position since the 1970s. Three decades of brutal civil wars and bloody factional fighting brought the country to its knees. A coalition government in 2009 then brought the return of stability. Somalia's recent turmoil, and its struggles to defeat terrorism, mean it can be very helpful in promoting peace around the world.

The UN Security Council was formed in 1945 to help keep world peace. It has five permanent members – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US – and 10 revolving non-permanent members. To win a seat, a nation must get the support of two thirds of UN representatives. Somalia was elected unopposed. It will serve for two years. Somalia said: "Our tenure will be guided by our...respect of the principles of international law."

Sources: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgee4j71ypqo>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Security_Council

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. brutal | a. of stability |
| 2. bloody factional | b. defeat terrorism |
| 3. brought the country | c. civil wars |
| 4. A coalition | d. around the world |
| 5. brought the return | e. fighting |
| 6. Somalia's recent | f. to its knees |
| 7. its struggles to | g. turmoil |
| 8. promoting peace | h. government |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The UN Security Council | a. permanent members |
| 2. It has five permanent | b. by our respect |
| 3. 10 revolving non- | c. unopposed |
| 4. win a | d. of international law |
| 5. Somalia was elected | e. members |
| 6. It will | f. seat |
| 7. Our tenure will be guided | g. serve for two years |
| 8. the principles | h. was formed in 1945 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Somalia has (1) _____ a member of the UN Security Council. It is the first time for Somalia to (2) _____ since the 1970s. Three decades of (3) _____ and bloody factional fighting brought the country (4) _____. A coalition government in 2009 then (5) _____ of stability. Somalia's recent turmoil, and its struggles (6) _____, mean it can be very helpful in promoting peace around the world.

The UN Security Council (7) _____ 1945 to help keep world peace. It has (8) _____ – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US – and 10 revolving non-permanent members. To win a seat, a nation must (9) _____ of two thirds of UN representatives. Somalia (10) _____. It will serve for two years. Somalia said: "(11) _____ be guided by our...respect of (12) _____ international law."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SOMALIA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Somalia 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) _____

