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World helps Nigeria look for kidnapped girls

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THE READING

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Many countries are supporting Nigeria to help find over 220 schoolgirls kidnapped last week by an extreme Islamist group. The USA, China, France, Britain and Canada are helping Nigeria's government to locate the missing girls. The group Boko Haram kidnapped the girls and said it would sell them. U.S. president Barack Obama said the kidnapping was "heartbreaking" and "outrageous". The American military is now in Nigeria to hunt for the children. China has promised technical help. One of Egypt's top Islamic universities said harming the girls "contradicts" Islam.

Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl shot by the Taliban for going to school, expressed her shock at the kidnappings. She said: "These girls are my sisters, and I am feeling very sad." She told them: "Never lose hope because we are with you." She compared the kidnapping to her hometown of Swat, Pakistan. She said: "In Swat, we were suffering. Girls were banned from going to school and banned from going to market...They were in schools trying to study, thinking about their future, and then suddenly some people came and abducted them." She called it "another kind of terrorism".

Sources: <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/missing-nigeria-schoolgirls/malala-says-kidnapped-nigerian-schoolgirls-are-her-sisters-n99701>
<http://www.nguardiannews.com/index.php/news/national-news/160793-kidnapping-of-school-girls-in-borno-outrageous-heartbreaking-says-obama>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. countries are | a. Islamic universities |
| 2. an extreme | b. military |
| 3. locate the | c. "contradicts" Islam |
| 4. kidnapped the girls and said | d. missing girls |
| 5. The American | e. supporting Nigeria |
| 6. China has promised | f. it would sell them |
| 7. One of Egypt's top | g. technical help |
| 8. harming the girls | h. Islamist group |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. shot by the Taliban | a. are my sisters |
| 2. expressed her shock | b. abducted them |
| 3. These girls | c. at the kidnappings |
| 4. Never lose | d. their future |
| 5. Girls were banned | e. for going to school |
| 6. thinking about | f. of terrorism |
| 7. people came and | g. hope |
| 8. another kind | h. from going to school |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many countries are (1) _____ to help find over 220 schoolgirls kidnapped last week by (2) _____ group. The USA, China, France, Britain and Canada are helping Nigeria's government to (3) _____ girls. The group Boko Haram kidnapped the girls and said it would sell them. U.S. president Barack Obama said the kidnapping (4) _____ and "outrageous". The American military is now in Nigeria to (5) _____. China has promised technical help. One of Egypt's top Islamic universities said harming the girls (6) _____.

Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani (7) _____ the Taliban for going to school, (8) _____ at the kidnappings. She said: "These girls are my sisters, and I am feeling very sad." She told them: "(9) _____ because we are with you." She compared the kidnapping to her hometown of Swat, Pakistan. She said: "In Swat, (10) _____. Girls were banned from going to school and (11) _____ market...They were in schools trying to study, thinking about their future, and then suddenly some people came and abducted them." She called it "another (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **kidnapping** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
