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Level 0

Somalia postal service back after 20 years

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141016-postal-service-0.html>

Somalia restarted its postal service. The old one finished in 1991. There were many wars. There was no mail for 20 years.

Somalia is safer now. People will get postcodes for the first time. A man was excited about the new service. People can now get letters from abroad. Soon, they can send letters to other countries.

The postal service shows Somalia is getting back to normal.

The country also got its first ever ATM. It is in a hotel in the capital city. A few people used it. Most guests don't know about it. They don't have a credit card to use it. The Chinese embassy is also back, for the first time in 23 years. China is important for Somalia.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-29606447>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Somalia restarted | a. get postcodes |
| 2. The old one finished | b. from abroad |
| 3. There was no mail for | c. first time |
| 4. People will | d. about the new service |
| 5. for the | e. its postal service |
| 6. A man was excited | f. 20 years |
| 7. get letters | g. other countries |
| 8. send letters to | h. in 1991 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Somalia is getting back | a. in 23 years |
| 2. The country also got its first | b. to normal |
| 3. It is in a hotel in the capital | c. card to use it |
| 4. Most guests don't | d. for Somalia |
| 5. They don't have a credit | e. city |
| 6. The Chinese embassy | f. ever ATM |
| 7. the first time | g. know about it |
| 8. China is important | h. is also back |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Somalia (1) _____ service. The old one finished in 1991. There (2) _____. There was no mail for 20 years. Somalia (3) _____. People will get postcodes (4) _____. A man was excited about the new service. People can (5) _____ from abroad. Soon, they can send letters (6) _____.

The (7) _____ Somalia is getting back to normal. The country also (8) _____ ATM. It is in a hotel (9) _____. A few people used it. Most guests don't know about it. They don't (10) _____ card to use it. The Chinese (11) _____ back, for the first time in 23 years. China (12) _____ Somalia.

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) _____

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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) _____

