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## **Level 5**

### **Indonesia attempts to count all its islands**

**9th June, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia-5.html>

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Indonesia has started the task of counting its islands to better protect its territory and marine resources. It wants to locate and name an extra 1,700 islands in time for the UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in August. Indonesia wants sovereignty and fishing rights surrounding the islands, many of which its neighbors claim. Indonesia says illegal fishing is costing billions of dollars in lost revenue each year. A spokeswoman told the BBC: "Sixty per cent of islands in Indonesia don't have a name or...legal status, so they can easily be taken...by another country."

Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago. In 2012, it registered 13,466 islands. A 1996 law estimated there were 17,508 islands. The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea says an island is, "a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water, which is still exposed at high tide". A government spokesman explained the size of the job the counting team had. He said: "We have to visit every one of these islands, and then we note the coordinates, the name, the meaning of the name, the history of the land and describe the landscape and its geographical history...all that in great detail."

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<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/how-many-islands-does-indonesia-have-asia-pacific-nation-tries-get-exact-count-1625142>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. started the task           | a. extra 1,700 islands     |
| 2. better protect its         | b. be taken                |
| 3. marine                     | c. rights                  |
| 4. locate and name an         | d. territory               |
| 5. fishing                    | e. status                  |
| 6. illegal fishing is costing | f. of counting its islands |
| 7. legal                      | g. billions of dollars     |
| 8. they can easily            | h. resources               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Indonesia is the world's largest   | a. were 17,508 islands |
| 2. In 2012, it registered             | b. history             |
| 3. A 1996 law estimated there         | c. of land             |
| 4. a naturally formed area            | d. tide                |
| 5. surrounded                         | e. 13,466 islands      |
| 6. high                               | f. coordinates         |
| 7. we note the                        | g. by water            |
| 8. the landscape and its geographical | h. archipelago         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Indonesia has started (1) \_\_\_\_\_ counting its islands to better protect (2) \_\_\_\_\_ marine resources. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and name an extra 1,700 islands in time for the UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in August. Indonesia wants (4) \_\_\_\_\_ fishing rights surrounding the islands, many of which its neighbors claim. Indonesia says illegal fishing is costing billions of dollars (5) \_\_\_\_\_ each year. A spokeswoman told the BBC: "Sixty per cent of islands in Indonesia don't have a name (6) \_\_\_\_\_, so they can easily be taken...by another country."

Indonesia (7) \_\_\_\_\_ archipelago. In 2012, it registered 13,466 islands. A 1996 (8) \_\_\_\_\_ there were 17,508 islands. The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (9) \_\_\_\_\_, "a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water, which is still exposed (10) \_\_\_\_\_". A government spokesman explained the size of the job the counting team had. He said: "We have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ one of these islands, and then we note the coordinates, the name, the meaning of the name, the history of the land and describe the landscape and its geographical history... (12) \_\_\_\_\_ detail."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# INDONESIA SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Indonesia 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia-5.html>

Write about **Indonesia** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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