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Level 1 – 2nd September, 2020

India and Russia share chess gold medal after Internet fails

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The gold medal for the 44th Chess Olympiad went to India and Russia. The Olympiad happens every two years. This year was online for the first time because of coronavirus. Some games in the final came to an end when two Indian players lost their Internet connection. Officials said they had to award the gold medal to the two countries because it was fair. The Indian players lost time when their Internet connection failed.

This year's competition had teams from over 160 countries. The final was the second time teams had problems. A player from Armenia was disconnected during a match. Officials rejected his appeal so Armenia went home in protest. Officials said there were "unprecedented circumstances" in the final. They said a, "global Internet outage severely affected" two of the Indian players in the final. They added that the lost connection happened, "when the outcome of the match was still unclear".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The Olympiad happens | a. coronavirus |
| 2. This year was | b. failed |
| 3. because of | c. online |
| 4. came to | d. gold medal |
| 5. players lost their Internet | e. time |
| 6. award the | f. connection |
| 7. The Indian players lost | g. every two years |
| 8. their Internet connection | h. an end |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The final was | a. in the final |
| 2. Officials rejected | b. circumstances |
| 3. went home in | c. was still unclear |
| 4. unprecedented | d. his appeal |
| 5. a global Internet | e. connection |
| 6. two of the Indian players | f. the second time |
| 7. the lost | g. outage |
| 8. the outcome of the match | h. protest |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ the 44th Chess Olympiad went to India and Russia. The Olympiad happens (2) _____. This year was online for the first time because of coronavirus. Some games (3) _____ came to (4) _____ two Indian players lost their Internet connection. Officials said they (5) _____ the gold medal to the two countries because it was fair. The Indian players (6) _____ their Internet connection failed.

This year's competition had (7) _____ 160 countries. The final (8) _____ time teams had problems. A player from Armenia was disconnected during a match. Officials (9) _____ so Armenia went home in protest. Officials said there were "unprecedented circumstances" in the final. They said a, "global Internet outage (10) _____ of the Indian players in the final. They added that (11) _____ happened, "when the outcome of the match (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHESS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about chess 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) _____

