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Ex-world boxing champions to defend Ukraine

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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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Two ex-boxing world champions have vowed to take up arms to help defend their capital Kyiv. They are Vitali Klitschko, 50, and his brother Wladimir, 45, both Ukrainian. Vitali is Kyiv's mayor. He was world heavyweight champion for a decade. He said: "I don't have any choice....I'll be fighting. It's already a bloody war." Wladimir tweeted: "Destruction and death come upon us....We will defend ourselves with all our might and fight for freedom and democracy."

The brothers have joined their fellow citizens in defending their city. Authorities have given 18,000 rifles to residents to defend themselves. The two brothers have criticised Russia's President Putin. Yahoo Sports wrote: "There is an immense amount of bravery required to slip between the ropes and fight another man who has trained for months to defeat you. That's child's play compared to the fight the Klitschkos face today."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. vowed to take | a. come upon us |
| 2. defend their | b. for a decade |
| 3. heavyweight champion | c. and democracy |
| 4. I don't have any | d. up arms |
| 5. It's already | e. capital Kyiv |
| 6. Destruction and death | f. all our might |
| 7. defend ourselves with | g. a bloody war |
| 8. fight for freedom | h. choice |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The brothers have joined | a. man |
| 2. Authorities have given 18,000 | b. play |
| 3. an immense amount | c. months |
| 4. slip between the | d. of bravery |
| 5. fight another | e. face today |
| 6. trained for | f. ropes |
| 7. child's | g. their fellow citizens |
| 8. the fight the Klitschkos | h. rifles to residents |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The brothers have joined (7) _____ in defending their city. Authorities have given 18,000 (8) _____ to defend themselves. The two (9) _____ criticised Russia's President Putin. Yahoo Sports wrote: "There is (10) _____ of bravery required (11) _____ the ropes and fight another man who has trained for months to defeat you. (12) _____ compared to the fight the Klitschkos face today."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BRAVERY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about bravery 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) _____

WRITING

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