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# Libyans vote for first time in decades

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Libyans voted on Saturday for the first time in four decades. Millions of voters went to vote in the historic election - the first since Muammar Gaddafi rose to power 43 years ago. He was killed by rebel forces last year. This allowed the current elections to take place. Most voters were very happy they could choose their future leader. One Tripoli resident said: "Look at the lines. Everyone came of his and her own free will. I knew... Gaddafi would not be there forever. We want to start again from zero."

Almost 2.9 million Libyans registered for the election. There were over 3,000 candidates to choose from. One voter said: "We are celebrating today and we want the whole world to celebrate with us." However, not all Libyans were happy with their chance to vote. In the east of the country there was violence. There were protests in and around Benghazi. The east is worried it will lose power to the capital Tripoli in the west. Benghazi was where last year's rebellion against Gaddafi started.

# **PHRASE MATCH**

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### Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

1.	the first time	a.	forces
2	vote in the	b.	own free will
3.	killed by rebel	c.	from zero
4.	This allowed the current elections	d.	in four decades

5.	Everyone came of his and her	e.	to take place

6.	We want to start again	f.	historic election

### Paragraph 2

1.	2.9 million Libyans registered	a.	to celebrate with us
2	over 3,000 candidates	b.	for the election
3.	we want the whole world	C.	against Gaddafi
4.	protests in and	d.	power
5.	The east is worried it will lose	e.	to choose from
6.	last year's rebellion	f.	around Benghazi

# **LISTENING GAP FILL**

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decades. Millions of voters (2) h	nistoric
election - the first since Muammar Gaddafi rose to pov	ver 43
years ago. (3) rebel forces last yea	r. This
allowed the current elections (4)	Most
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came of his and her own free will. I knew Gaddafi would	not be
there forever. We want to start (6)"	
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said: "We (8) and we want the whole	world
to celebrate with us." However, not all Libyans were happ	y with
(9) In the east of the country then	re was
violence. There were (10) a	around
Benghazi. The east is worried (11)	to the
capital Tripoli in the west. Benghazi (12)	
rebellion against Gaddafi started.	

# **MULTIPLE CHOICE**

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Libyans voted on Saturday for the first time (1) four decades. Millions of voters went to vote in the (2) election - the first since Muammar Gaddafi rose to power 43 years ago. He was killed by rebel (3) last year. This allowed the current elections to take place. Most voters were very happy they could choose their (4) leader. One Tripoli resident said: "Look at the lines. Everyone came of his and her own free (5) I knew Gaddafi would not be there (6) We want to start again from zero."						
Almost 2.9 million Libyans (7) for the election. There were over 3,000 candidates to choose (8) One voter said: "We are celebrating today and we want the whole world to celebrate (9) us." However, not all Libyans were happy with their chance to vote. In the east (10) the country there was violence. There were protests in and around Benghazi. The east is worried it will (11) power to the capital Tripoli in the west. Benghazi was where last (12) rebellion against Gaddafi started.						
Put		correct words i	rom	this table into	tne	article.
1.	(a)	in	(b)	on	(c)	at
2.	(a)	history	(b)	historian	(c)	historic
3.	(a)	makes	(b)	forces	(c)	orders
4.	(a)	future	(b)	soon	(c)	after
5.	(a)	would	(b)	may	(c)	will
6.	(a)	forbid	(b)	forever	(c)	foreign
7.	(a)	registered	(b)	registration	(c)	registers
8.	(a)	as	(b)	from	(c)	one
9.	(a)	with	(b)	against	(c)	pro
10.	(a)	at	(b)	to	(c)	of
11.	(a)	forget	(b)	lose	(c)	misplace
12	(a)	years	(b)	year	(c)	year's

### **SPELLING**

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### Spell the <u>jumbled</u> words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

- 1. the first time in four ddsaece
- 2. vote in the sthricio election
- 3. killed by <u>eelrb</u> forces
- 4. the treurnc elections
- 5. choose their future erdeal
- 6. not be there rfeevro

### Paragraph 2

- 7. 2.9 million Libyans eriseerdtg
- 8. 3,000 eitacsdnda
- 9. <u>bcteeelra</u> with us
- 10. there was <u>cieveoln</u>
- 11. There were <u>rosestpt</u>
- 12. last year's obineellr against Gaddafi

# **PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER**

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### Number these lines in the correct order.

(	)	world to celebrate with us." However, not all Libyans were happy with their chance to
(	)	would not be there forever. We want to start again from zero."
(	)	candidates to choose from. One voter said: "We are celebrating today and we want the whole
(	)	election - the first since Muammar Gaddafi rose to power 43 years ago. He was killed by
(	)	Almost 2.9 million Libyans registered for the election. There were over 3,000
(	)	voters were very happy they could choose their future leader. One Tripoli
(	1 )	Libyans voted on Saturday for the first time in four decades. Millions of voters went to vote in the historic
(	)	vote. In the east of the country there was violence. There were protests in and
(	)	around Benghazi. The east is worried it will lose power to the capital Tripoli
(	)	resident said: "Look at the lines. Everyone came of his and her own free will. I knew Gaddafi
(	)	rebel forces last year. This allowed the current elections to take place. Most
(	)	in the west. Benghazi was where last year's rebellion against Gaddafi started.

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### With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. first the For decades four in time. the historic Millions voters of to vote in election. 2. went Muammar Gaddafi The first. 3. to since power rose will and free Everyone his of her came 4. own. 5. from again start to want We zero. for election registered Almost 2.9 million Libyans the. 6. candidates 3,000 to choose from There over were. 7. the world with We whole celebrate. 8. to us want There Benghazi around protests and in 9. were. last Where started Gaddafi against rebellion. 10. year's

# **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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# **WRITING**

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Write about voting for 10 minutes. Show your partner you paper. Correct each other's work.					

### **HOMEWORK**

- **1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- **2. VOTING:** Search the Internet and find more information about voting. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Libya's election. Include an imaginary interview with voters. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a Libya expert. Ask him/her three questions about Libya. Give him/her three of your opinions on Libya's future. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.