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Archbishop Tutu calls for Blair-Bush trial

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu has called for former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and former US President George W. Bush to be tried at the International Criminal Court for war crimes. Archbishop Tutu said Mr Blair and Mr Bush committed serious crimes when they invaded Iraq in 2003. Tutu said the UK and US leaders lied about the reasons for attacking Iraq. He said they behaved like "playground bullies" and that their military action had "divided the world more than any other conflict in history".

Mr Blair said Tutu's views were totally wrong and contained nothing new. He supported his military action in Iraq by saying the country is in a better position now than it was when Saddam Hussein was leader. Blair wrote in a British newspaper just how he thought Iraq was now a better place: "I would point out that despite the problems, Iraq today has an economy three times or more in size, with the child mortality rate cut by a third of what it was, and with investment hugely increased in places like Basra."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. former British Prime | a. crimes |
| 2. they invaded | b. divided the world |
| 3. war | c. playground bullies |
| 4. they behaved like | d. conflict in history |
| 5. their military action had | e. Minister Tony Blair |
| 6. more than any other | f. Iraq in 2003 |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mr Blair said Tutu's views | a. the problems |
| 2. the country was in a | b. more in size |
| 3. despite | c. were totally wrong |
| 4. three times or | d. hugely increased |
| 5. child mortality | e. better position now |
| 6. investment | f. rate |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu has (1) _____
British Prime Minister Tony Blair and former US President George
W. Bush (2) _____ the International Criminal
Court for war crimes. Archbishop Tutu said Mr Blair and Mr Bush
committed serious crimes (3) _____ Iraq in 2003.
Tutu said the UK and US leaders (4) _____
reasons for attacking Iraq. He said they behaved like "playground
bullies" and (5) _____ action had "divided the
world more than (6) _____ in history".

Mr Blair said Tutu's (7) _____ wrong and
contained nothing new. He supported (8) _____ in
Iraq by saying the country (9) _____ position now
than it was when Saddam Hussein was leader. Blair wrote in a
British newspaper just how he thought Iraq (10)
_____ place: "I would point (11)
_____ the problems, Iraq today has an economy
three times or more in size, with the child mortality rate (12)
_____ of what it was, and with investment hugely
increased in places like Basra."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu has called for (1) _____ British Prime Minister Tony Blair and former US President George W. Bush to be (2) _____ at the International Criminal Court for war crimes. Archbishop Tutu said Mr Blair and Mr Bush committed (3) _____ crimes when they invaded Iraq in 2003. Tutu said the UK and US leaders lied (4) _____ the reasons for attacking Iraq. He said they behaved like "playground (5) _____" and that their military action had "(6) _____ the world more than any other conflict in history".

Mr Blair said Tutu's views were (7) _____ wrong and contained nothing new. He supported his military action in Iraq (8) _____ saying the country is in a better position now than it was when Saddam Hussein was leader. Blair wrote in a British newspaper just (9) _____ he thought Iraq was now a better place: "I would point (10) _____ that despite the problems, Iraq today has an economy three times or more in size, with the child mortality (11) _____ cut by a third of what it was, and with investment hugely (12) _____ in places like Basra."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) former | (b) firmer | (c) farmer |
| 2. | (a) trial | (b) tries | (c) tried |
| 3. | (a) seriously | (b) serious | (c) series |
| 4. | (a) about | (b) around | (c) ahead |
| 5. | (a) bullets | (b) bulletins | (c) bullies |
| 6. | (a) multiplied | (b) divided | (c) added |
| 7. | (a) totally | (b) equals | (c) sum |
| 8. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) as |
| 9. | (a) which | (b) what | (c) how |
| 10. | (a) out | (b) in | (c) up |
| 11. | (a) late | (b) date | (c) rate |
| 12. | (a) increase | (b) increased | (c) increases |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. fremor US President George W. Bush
2. war erismc
3. they ianedvd Iraq in 2003
4. the osesnar for attacking Iraq
5. maiyltri action
6. any other tofcnlic in history

Paragraph 2

7. Tutu's views were tloalty wrong
8. tidcoenna nothing new
9. the country is in a better soiotpni now
10. eteidps the problems
11. the child yatrmoil rate
12. investment hugely dcaeinres

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () crimes when they invaded Iraq in 2003. Tutu said the UK and US leaders lied about the reasons
- () war crimes. Archbishop Tutu said Mr Blair and Mr Bush committed serious
- () position now than it was when Saddam Hussein was leader. Blair wrote in a British newspaper just how
- () he thought Iraq was now a better place: "I would point out that despite the
- () that their military action had "divided the world more than any other conflict in history".
- () Mr Blair said Tutu's views were totally wrong and contained nothing
- (**1**) South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu has called for former British Prime Minister Tony Blair
- () for attacking Iraq. He said they behaved like "playground bullies" and
- () and former US President George W. Bush to be tried at the International Criminal Court for
- () rate cut by a third of what it was, and with investment hugely increased in places like Basra."
- () new. He supported his military action in Iraq by saying the country is in a better
- () problems, Iraq today has an economy three times or more in size, with the child mortality

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

1. crimes at Criminal war Tried International for the Court.

2. the reasons Leaders for lied attacking about Iraq.

3. had action military Their world the divided.

4. like behaved they said He bullies playground.

5. conflict other any than More history in.

6. action his He in military supported Iraq.

7. country The was it than now position better a in is.

8. Iraq a thought now place he was better How.

9. it what of third a by cut rate mortality Child was.

10. like places in increased hugely Investment Basra.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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. WAR CRIMES: Search the Internet and find more information about war crimes. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about war crimes. Include an imaginary interview with someone who witnessed some. 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 war crimes expert. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on war crimes. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.