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Anti-gay riots in Serbia

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Several hundred protestors in Serbia have tried to stop the Gay Pride parade in the country's capital, Belgrade. They fought with police in the streets and threw stones and petrol bombs. They also set fire to a garage, which is part of the ruling Democratic Party headquarters. The police used tear gas to fight back and break up the gangs. More than 50 people, mostly policemen, were injured. This was the first Gay Pride parade in the city since 2001. A march was planned last year but was cancelled because of fears of violence.

On Saturday, right-wing groups marched in the streets in protest at the Gay Pride march. They say that homosexuality goes against Serbian religious and family values. Democratic Party spokeswoman Jelana Trivan said the violence had nothing to do with moral values. She said: "These are hooligan gangs which must be punished severely". One of those taking part in the Gay Pride rally said: "It is a shame for me to march, to stand for what I am, and to have thousands of cops protect me."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Several | a. fire to a garage |
| 2. They fought with police | b. of violence |
| 3. set | c. hundred protestors |
| 4. The police used tear | d. up the gangs |
| 5. break | e. in the streets |
| 6. cancelled because of fears | f. gas to fight back |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. right- | a. and family values |
| 2. goes against Serbian religious | b. severely |
| 3. nothing to do | c. protect me |
| 4. punished | d. wing groups |
| 5. have thousands of cops | e. what I am |
| 6. stand for | f. with moral values |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Several hundred protestors in Serbia _____ Gay Pride parade in the country's capital, Belgrade. They fought with police in the streets _____ and petrol bombs. They also set fire to a garage, _____ the ruling Democratic Party headquarters. The police used tear gas to fight back and _____. More than 50 people, mostly policemen, were injured. This was the first Gay Pride parade in the city since 2001. A march was planned _____ cancelled because of _____.

On Saturday, right-_____ in the streets in protest at the Gay Pride march. They say that homosexuality goes against Serbian religious _____. Democratic Party spokeswoman Jelana Trivan said the violence had nothing _____ values. She said: "These are hooligan gangs which must be punished severely". _____ part in the Gay Pride rally said: "It is a _____ march, to _____, and to have thousands of cops protect me."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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(1) ____ hundred protestors in Serbia have tried to stop the Gay Pride parade in the country's capital, Belgrade. They (2) ____ with police in the streets and threw stones and petrol bombs. They also (3) ____ fire to a garage, which is part of the ruling Democratic Party headquarters. The police used (4) ____ gas to fight back and break (5) ____ the gangs. More than 50 people, mostly policemen, were injured. This was the first Gay Pride parade in the city since 2001. A march was planned last year but was cancelled because of (6) ____ of violence.

On Saturday, right-(7) ____ groups marched in the streets in protest at the Gay Pride march. They say that homosexuality (8) ____ against Serbian religious and family values. Democratic Party spokeswoman Jelana Trivan said the violence had nothing to (9) ____ with moral values. She said: "These are hooligan gangs which must (10) ____ punished severely". One of those taking part in the Gay Pride rally said: "It is a shame (11) ____ me to march, to stand for what I am, and to have thousands of cops (12) ____ me."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) Few | (b) Several | (c) Little |
| 2. | (a) fought | (b) fight | (c) fights |
| 3. | (a) bet | (b) get | (c) set |
| 4. | (a) cry | (b) tear | (c) eye |
| 5. | (a) down | (b) up | (c) in |
| 6. | (a) fears | (b) afraid | (c) fright |
| 7. | (a) beak | (b) neck | (c) wing |
| 8. | (a) goes | (b) going | (c) go |
| 9. | (a) be | (b) do | (c) have |
| 10. | (a) be | (b) do | (c) have |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) with | (c) for |
| 12. | (a) protects | (b) protection | (c) protect |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. lavSree hundred protestors
2. They ohtfgu with police
3. threw stones and petrol msbob
4. break up the agngs
5. sncEI 2001
6. seafR of violence

Paragraph 2

7. right-wing upsorg
8. family vulsae
9. hooligan agnsg
10. One of those angtki part
11. It is a mehsa
12. thousands of cops ocptrte me

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Belgrade. They fought with police in the streets and threw stones and petrol bombs. They also set
- () Jelana Trivan said the violence had nothing to do with moral values. She said: "These are hooligan
- () fire to a garage, which is part of the ruling Democratic Party headquarters. The police used tear
- () On Saturday, right-wing groups marched in the streets in protest at the Gay Pride march. They say that
- () gangs which must be punished severely". One of those taking part in the Gay Pride rally said: "It is a shame
- () gas to fight back and break up the gangs. More than 50 people, mostly policemen, were injured. This was the first
- () Gay Pride parade in the city since 2001. A march was planned last year but was cancelled because of fears of violence.
- () for me to march, to stand for what I am, and to have thousands of cops protect me."
- () homosexuality goes against Serbian religious and family values. Democratic Party spokeswoman
- (**1**) Several hundred protestors in Serbia have tried to stop the Gay Pride parade in the country's capital,

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

1. Several hundred protestors in Serbia.

2. They fought with police in the streets.

3. They also set fire to a garage.

4. The police used tear gas to fight back.

5. Cancelled because of fears of violence.

6. Groups marched in the streets in protest.

7. Goes against Serbian religious and family values.

8. Nothing to do with moral values.

9. One of those taking part.

10. Have thousands of cops protect me.

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. RIOTS: Search the Internet and find more information about the riots in Serbia. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about the riots. Include imaginary interviews with people who were there. 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 Serbia's leader. Ask him/her three questions about the riots. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.