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## Thousands camp in Cairo's Tahrir Square

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Thousands of Egyptians are once again camping in Cairo's Tahrir Square. They stayed in the square overnight after a rally to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the protests that led to the fall of President Hosni Mubarak. Many of those sleeping out say they will stay until Friday, when another rally will take place. People are unhappy with how the military is running the country. They want change and a speedy handover of power to an elected government. There were similar rallies across Egypt on Wednesday.

The BBC reporter Jon Leyne said there was a cheerful mood in Cairo among the tens of thousands on the streets. He reports there was a very peaceful atmosphere that was more like a huge street party than a political protest. One protestor said he was not there to party. Attiya Mohammed Attiya told the BBC: "I am not here to celebrate. I am here for a second revolution....The military council is made of [the leftovers] of the Mubarak regime. We will only succeed when we remove them from power."

# PHRASE MATCH

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**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. once                              | a. of the protests     |
| 2. They stayed in the square         | b. handover            |
| 3. the one-year anniversary          | c. overnight           |
| 4. how the military is               | d. Egypt               |
| 5. a speedy                          | e. again               |
| 6. There were similar rallies across | f. running the country |

## Paragraph 2

- |                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. there was a cheerful | a. thousands  |
| 2. tens of              | b. party      |
| 3. a very peaceful      | c. mood       |
| 4. a huge street        | d. from power |
| 5. The military         | e. atmosphere |
| 6. remove them          | f. council    |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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The BBC reporter Jon Leyne said there was \_\_\_\_\_ in Cairo among the tens of thousands on the streets. He reports there was a very \_\_\_\_\_ that was more like a huge street party than \_\_\_\_\_. One protestor said he was not there to party. Attiya Mohammed Attiya told the BBC: "I am not here to celebrate. I am here for a \_\_\_\_\_ ....The military \_\_\_\_\_ [the leftovers] of the Mubarak regime. We will only succeed when we \_\_\_\_\_ from power."

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Thousands of Egyptians are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ again camping in Cairo's Tahrir Square. They stayed in the square overnight after a rally (2) \_\_\_\_\_ celebrate the one-year anniversary of the protests that led to the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of President Hosni Mubarak. Many of those sleeping out say they will stay until Friday, when another rally will (4) \_\_\_\_\_ place. People are unhappy with how the military is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the country. They want change and a speedy handover of power to an elected government. There were (6) \_\_\_\_\_ rallies across Egypt on Wednesday.

The BBC reporter Jon Leyne said there was a cheerful (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Cairo among the tens of thousands on the streets. He reports there was a very peaceful atmosphere that was more like a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ street party than a political (9) \_\_\_\_\_. One protestor said he was not (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to party. Attiya Mohammed Attiya told the BBC: "I am not here to celebrate. I am here for a second (11) \_\_\_\_\_ ....The military council is made of [the leftovers] of the Mubarak regime. We will only succeed when we (12) \_\_\_\_\_ them from power."

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                |                |                |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) twice      | (b) only       | (c) once       |
| 2.  | (a) for        | (b) to         | (c) of         |
| 3.  | (a) fall       | (b) drop       | (c) mistake    |
| 4.  | (a) take       | (b) give       | (c) have       |
| 5.  | (a) walking    | (b) running    | (c) jogging    |
| 6.  | (a) same       | (b) similarity | (c) similar    |
| 7.  | (a) mood       | (b) moody      | (c) mode       |
| 8.  | (a) hug        | (b) huge       | (c) hugs       |
| 9.  | (a) protest    | (b) protect    | (c) propose    |
| 10. | (a) their      | (b) they're    | (c) there      |
| 11. | (a) resolution | (b) reduction  | (c) revolution |
| 12. | (a) movement   | (b) remove     | (c) removal    |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. cinmpga in Cairo's Tahrir Square
2. stayed in the square rhgnvioet
3. eahrotn rally will take place
4. ignnrun the country
5. a speedy erhvando
6. rlsmiia rallies

## Paragraph 2

7. BBC eprretro
8. a eucelfrh mood
9. very ueacelpf
10. a political trposte
11. I am not here to realtcbee
12. evermo them from power

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1201/120126-tahrir\\_square.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1201/120126-tahrir_square.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) like a huge street party than a political protest. One protestor said he was not there to
- ( ) party. Attiya Mohammed Attiya told the BBC: "I am not here to celebrate. I am here for a second
- ( ) of the protests that led to the fall of President Hosni Mubarak. Many of those
- ( ) place. People are unhappy with how the military is running the country. They want change and a speedy
- ( ) handover of power to an elected government. There were similar rallies across Egypt on Wednesday.
- ( ) sleeping out say they will stay until Friday, when another rally will take
- ( **1** ) Thousands of Egyptians are once again camping in Cairo's Tahrir Square. They stayed
- ( ) the Mubarak regime. We will only succeed when we remove them from power."
- ( ) the tens of thousands on the streets. He reports there was a very peaceful atmosphere that was more
- ( ) revolution....The military council is made of [the leftovers] of
- ( ) in the square overnight after a rally to celebrate the one-year anniversary
- ( ) The BBC reporter Jon Leyne said there was a cheerful mood in Cairo among

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

1. Square camping Tahrir again Cairo's Once in.

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2. the overnight They in square stayed.

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3. one the - protests year anniversary The of.

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4. running military How the is the country.

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5. change speedy power want a of They and handover.

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6. in There a mood Cairo was cheerful

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7. very reports peaceful there atmosphere was a He.

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8. was to One he there said not party protestor.

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9. for a second revolution I . am here

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10. only them succeed when We we will remove.

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## **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. \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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**Write about Egypt's revolution for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# 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. EGYPT'S REVOLUTION:** Search the Internet and find more information about Egypt's revolution. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Egypt's revolution. Include an imaginary interview with someone in Tahrir Square. 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 an Egypt expert. Ask him/her three questions about Egypt's revolution. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.