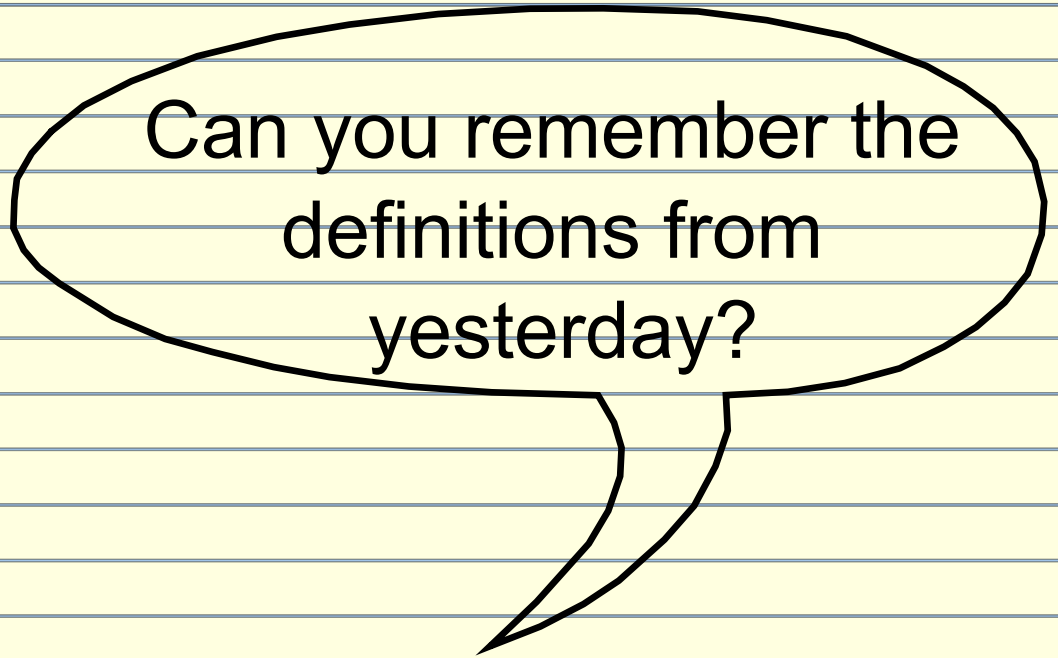
Reading

Glossary

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Glossary

ceasefire - a truce, an order or signal to stop fighting

appalling - very bad, awful, horrific, causing shock

triggering - causing a particular action or situation to happen.

widespread - over a large area

ongoing conflict - a disagreement that is continually going on

exchange - an act of giving one thing and receiving another in return

rebuffed - reject someone or something

inflict - impose something unwelcome on

LO: to organise information from the text.

you do

2nd Read: Structure

Read the text with your partner - take it in turns to read a sentence or paragraph each.

Use the glossary to help you understand the unfamiliar words.

Think carefully about the order information is given in the text.

we do

LO: to organise information from the text.

2nd Read: Structure

What are the **four** main sections of the text?

Introduction
What has been happening?
Why are both sides fighting each other?
Will there be a ceasefire to end the violence?

Reading

I do

Which subheading does the information fit under?

Some damage has been caused to cars and buildings even thought the country's Iron Dome defence system is said to have blocked 90 percent of the rockets.

What has been happening?

The fighting began after weeks of rising Israeli-Palestinian tension in occupied East Jerusalem that led to clashes at a holy site respected by both Muslims and Jews. Hamas - the Palestinian militant group that rules Gaza - began firing rockets after warning Israel to leave the site, triggering air strikes from Israel in response.

The Israeli military said more than 50 warplanes carried out a 20-minute attack on the Gaza Strip shortly before sunrise on Monday. Palestinian officials in Gaza said the strikes had caused widespread power cuts and damaged hundreds of homes. The UN has also warned of fuel shortages in Gaza which could lead to hospitals and other facilities losing power. More than 1,200 people have been injured in Gaza, and 197 have died, according to the Hamas-run health ministry. Ten people have been killed in rocket attacks on Israel in the past week. Israeli officials say they have seen the highest ever number of rocket attacks in that time, with more than 3,000 rockets launched in total by Palestinian militants.

The country's Iron Dome defence system is said to have blocked 90 percent of the rockets but some have caused damage to cars and buildings.



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Which subheading does the information fit under?

Since Hamas won elections and took control in Gaza, Israel has held Gaza under a blockade.

Why are both sides fighting each other?

The latest violence is part of the ongoing conflict between Jewish and Palestinian Arab communities, which has gone on for decades. It's part of the wider Arab Israeli conflict. After World War II and the Holocaust in which six million Jewish people were killed, more Jewish people wanted their own country. They were given a large part of Palestine, which they considered their traditional home but the Arabs who already lived there and in neighbouring countries felt that was unfair and didn't accept the new country. In 1948, the two sides went to war. When it ended, Gaza was controlled by Egypt and another area, the West Bank, by Jordan. They contained thousands of Palestinians who fled what was now the new Jewish home, Israel.

But then, in 1967, after another war, Israel occupied these Palestinian areas and Israeli troops stayed there for years. Israelis hoped they might exchange the land they won for Arab countries recognising Israel's right to exist and an end to the fighting. Israel finally left Gaza in 2005 but soon after, a group called Hamas won elections and took control there. Much of the world calls Hamas a terrorist organisation. It refuses to recognise Israel as a country and wants Palestinians to be able to return to their old home - and will use violence to achieve its aims. Since then, Israel has held Gaza under a blockade, which means it controls its borders, limits who can get in and out and tries to stop weapons getting to Hamas.

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you do

Which subheading does the information fit under?

Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank say they're suffering because of Israeli actions and restrictions. Israel says it is only acting to protect itself from violence from Palestinian groups like Hamas.

Since the start of Ramadan, things have got worse.

According to the Hamas-run health ministry, More than 1,200 people have been injured in Gaza, and 197 have died.

A 20-minute attack, carried out by more than 50 warplanes, on the Gaza strip happened just before sunrise on Monday.

For decades, there has been an ongoing conflict between Jewish and Palestinian Arab communities.

US President Joe Biden has publicly backed Israel's right to self-defence.

The UN Secretary-General (António Guterres) gave a warning about what further fighting could lead to.



we do

What has been happening in Israel?

The fighting began after rising tension between.....

Hamas.....

Israel.....

The UN has warned.....

Many have been injured.....