READING

you do

Why are Israel and the Palestinians fighting over Gaza?





https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/20436092

Watch video

READING

Do you know the definitions of these words? Use our reading strategies to help.

Glossary

ceasefire
appalling
triggering
widespread
ongoing conflict
occupied
exchange
rebuffed
inflict

Strategies

*Look at each part of the word.
*Look at the prefix/suffix of the word. Does this tell us anything?
*Read the full sentence again. Is the word use as a noun, verb or an adjective?
*Is the word familiar to another word you are familiar with?

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 find information in the text to answer questions.

we do

you do

1st Read: Read the text

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.

Find the information in the text to answer the questions.

READING

LO: to find information in the text to answer questions.

you do

1. Who carried out air strikes on the Gaza Strip?
2. Who fired rockets at southern Israeli cities?
3. Where did the clashes happen?
4. Who are Hamas?
5. What did Palestinian officials in Gaza say the strikes had caused?
6. Why were Jewish people given a large part of Palestine?
7. What does Hamas want?
8. What does Israel hold Gaza under?
9. According to local reports, why have Israel rebuffed a ceasefire?

READING

LO: to find information in the text to answer questions.

we do

1. Who carried out air strikes on the Gaza Strip? **Israel**
2. Who fired rockets at southern Israeli cities? **Palestinian militants**
3. Where did the clashes happen? **East Jerusalem, holy site**
4. Who are Hamas? **the Palestinian militant group that rules Gaza**
5. What did Palestinian officials in Gaza say the strikes had caused?
   widespread power cuts and damaged hundreds of homes
6. Why were Jewish people given a large part of Palestine?
   wanted their own country, traditional home
7. What does Hamas want? **refuses to recognise Israel as a country and wants Palestinians to be able to return to their old home**
8. What does Israel hold Gaza under? **a blockade - controls borders**
9. According to local reports, why have Israel rebuffed a ceasefire?
   wants to inflict as much damage as it can on the militants before the fighting is finally brought to a close

READING



we do

Why are Israel and the Palestinians fighting over Gaza?

After World War 2, Jewish people.....

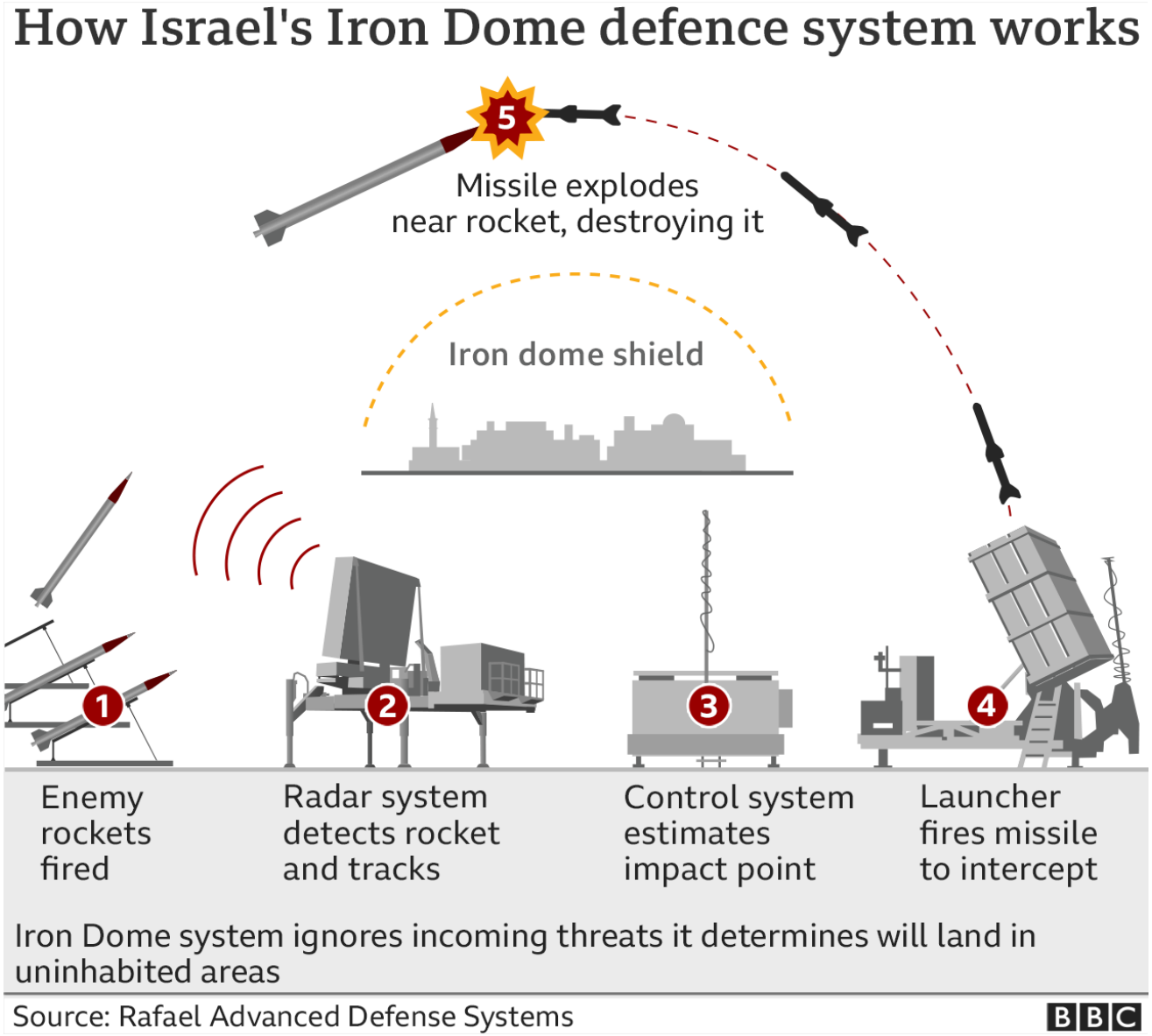
However, the Palestinian Arabs felt.....

In 1948, after the fighting, Gaza contained.....

In 1967, Israel opccupied .....but left in 2005.

Soon after, Hamas....

READING


How Israel's Iron Dome defence system works
5
Missile explodes near rocket, destroying it
Iron dome shield
1
2
3
4
Enemy rockets fired
Radar system detects rocket and tracks
Control system estimates impact point
Launcher fires missile to intercept
Iron Dome system ignores incoming threats it determines will land in uninhabited areas
Source: Rafael Advanced Defense Systems
BBC