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Lingohack

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Today's Headlines:

Trump beats Clinton to take the White House

India's cinema for the homeless

Poetry in a box

Transcript:

One of the most stunning shock results in American political history has seen Donald Trump **storm** to victory in the race for the White House. The 70-year-old billionaire businessman with no political background will be the 45th president of the United States, **shattering the dreams** of his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, who had been narrowly ahead in the polls.

There are an estimated 100,000 homeless people living in the Indian capital of Delhi. A few **makeshift** cinemas are providing some much-needed entertainment and relaxation in the hardship of their lives. They have become a place to socialise and relax. Regular visitors who settle down for a good film include migrant labourers and rickshaw pullers.

Chris Jelley left boxes across Exmoor (in the UK) asking the public to leave poems inside. **Inspired** by the landscape, 6,000 people wrote verses. Chris says most people would be frightened if they were told to write a poem but he told me that here in the open, with no pressure, they felt more confident and creative.

Words and definitions:

storm

move with force

shattering the dreams

ending the hopes

makeshift

temporary; usually of poor quality

inspired

influenced positively

Watch the video online: <http://bbc.in/2ffr79v>

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

storm / shattering the dreams / makeshift / inspired

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