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Level 4

FBI boss thought his firing was a joke

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THE READING

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President Trump has fired the boss of the FBI, James Comey. It is the second time an FBI boss has been fired. At first, Mr Comey thought the news of his firing was a joke. He was talking to FBI agents in Los Angeles when he saw a TV news program reporting on the news. FBI staff confirmed that he had been fired. The White House delivered a letter to Mr Comey about his firing, but Comey was not in his office to receive it.

The sacking is now a big story in the USA. Many newspapers are saying Comey was fired because he was investigating President Trump's links to Russia. They say the White House is covering up a scandal. The White House denied this. It said Comey was sacked because of his inability to investigate Hillary Clinton's e-mails. They said he was unable to lead the FBI. President Trump said it was time for a "new beginning" at the FBI.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/shocked-fbi-boss-james-comey-thought-his-firing-was-a-prank-10870875>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. It is the second | a. on the news |
| 2. an FBI boss | b. time |
| 3. Comey thought the news of his firing | c. his office |
| 4. He was talking to FBI | d. has been fired |
| 5. reporting | e. letter to Mr Comey |
| 6. FBI staff confirmed that he had | f. agents |
| 7. The White House delivered a | g. firing was a joke |
| 8. Comey was not in | h. been fired |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The sacking is now | a. of his inability |
| 2. Many newspapers are saying Comey | b. lead the FBI |
| 3. investigating President Trump's | c. was fired |
| 4. the White House is covering | d. beginning |
| 5. The White House denied | e. links to Russia |
| 6. Comey was sacked because | f. a big story |
| 7. They said he was unable to | g. this |
| 8. time for a new | h. up a scandal |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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President Trump has (1) _____ the FBI, James Comey. It is the (2) _____ FBI boss has been fired. At first, Mr Comey thought the (3) _____ firing was a joke. He was talking to FBI agents in Los Angeles when he saw a TV news program (4) _____ news. FBI staff confirmed that he had been fired. The White House (5) _____ to Mr Comey about his firing, but Comey was (6) _____ to receive it.

The (7) _____ big story in the USA. Many newspapers are saying Comey was fired (8) _____ investigating President Trump's links to Russia. They say the White House (9) _____ scandal. The White House denied this. It said Comey was sacked because of (10) _____ investigate Hillary Clinton's e-mails. They said he (11) _____ lead the FBI. President Trump said it was (12) _____ beginning" at the FBI.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE FBI SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the FBI in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

