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## **Level 4**

### **China outlines Silk Road plan for global trade**

**16th May, 2017**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road-4.html>

China has an ambitious plan to help global trade. President Xi said will invest \$124 billion to increase trade along the old Silk Road. He spoke at a meeting of 29 world leaders, and the heads of the UN, IMF and World Bank. Xi said the project would invest billions of dollars in infrastructure. It would also help to make goods and services flow more freely around the world. He said: "Trade is the important engine of economic development."

President Xi said increased trade and cooperation would make the world more peaceful. He said: "We will create a new model of cooperation and mutual benefit." Pakistan's Prime Minister liked President Xi's "vision". He said the huge scale of the cooperation, economic partnerships and investments were a world first. He called it, "a geo-economic revolution". Britain's finance minister said Britain was a "natural partner" of the project.

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-silkroad-africa-idUSKBN18A02I>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-39912671>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. China has an               | a. in infrastructure      |
| 2. help global                | b. of 29 world leaders    |
| 3. invest                     | c. development            |
| 4. He spoke at a meeting      | d. trade                  |
| 5. the heads of the           | e. and services           |
| 6. invest billions of dollars | f. UN, IMF and World Bank |
| 7. goods                      | g. ambitious plan         |
| 8. economic                   | h. \$124 billion          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. increased trade                 | a. of the cooperation  |
| 2. make the world more             | b. cooperation         |
| 3. create a new model of           | c. economic revolution |
| 4. mutual                          | d. of the project      |
| 5. the huge scale                  | e. and cooperation     |
| 6. economic                        | f. benefit             |
| 7. a geo-                          | g. partnerships        |
| 8. Britain was a "natural partner" | h. peaceful            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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President Xi (7) \_\_\_\_\_ trade and cooperation would make the world more peaceful. He said: "We (8) \_\_\_\_\_ new model of cooperation and (9) \_\_\_\_\_." Pakistan's Prime Minister liked President Xi's "vision". He said the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the cooperation, economic partnerships and investments were a world first. He called it, "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ revolution". Britain's finance minister said Britain was a "natural (12) \_\_\_\_\_ project."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# GLOBAL TRADE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about global trade 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) \_\_\_\_\_

