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## Level 4

### Trump says Jerusalem is Israel's capital city

8th December, 2017

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem-4.html>

Donald Trump has officially recognized that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. This comes ahead of its embassy moving there. For decades, America's embassy has been in Tel Aviv. Mr Trump judged this decision, "to be in the best interests of the USA, and the pursuit of peace between Israel and the Palestinians". He added that saying Jerusalem is Israel's capital was, "nothing more or less than a recognition of reality".

The UN called the decision "a moment of great anxiety". It said: "There is no alternative to the two-state solution." Israel's Prime Minister said it was "a historic day" and thanked Mr Trump. A Palestinian leader said the decision was a "flagrant aggression" and "the official announcement of the end of the peace process." Another Palestinian said Mr Trump, "is declaring war in the Middle East". Israel's Haaretz newspaper said the decision would help Iran and ISIS.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Jerusalem is the capital        | a. less                 |
| 2. This comes ahead of its embassy | b. of Israel            |
| 3. America's embassy has been      | c. interests of the USA |
| 4. Mr Trump judged this            | d. reality              |
| 5. in the best                     | e. moving               |
| 6. the pursuit                     | f. decision             |
| 7. more or                         | g. in Tel Aviv          |
| 8. a recognition of                | h. of peace             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. a moment of great           | a. day                       |
| 2. There is no alternative     | b. process                   |
| 3. a historic                  | c. announcement              |
| 4. the decision was a flagrant | d. war in the Middle East    |
| 5. the official                | e. anxiety                   |
| 6. the end of the peace        | f. aggression                |
| 7. declaring                   | g. and ISIS                  |
| 8. it would help Iran          | h. to the two-state solution |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UN called the decision "a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ anxiety". It said: "There is no alternative to the (8) \_\_\_\_\_." Israel's Prime Minister said it was "(9) \_\_\_\_\_" and thanked Mr Trump. A Palestinian leader said the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ "flagrant aggression" and "the official announcement of the end of (11) \_\_\_\_\_."

Another Palestinian said Mr Trump, "is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the Middle East". Israel's Haaretz newspaper said the decision would help Iran and ISIS.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# JERUSALEM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Jerusalem 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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Write about **Jerusalem** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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