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**Level 0 – 4th January, 2019**

## **The USA and Israel quit UNESCO**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco-0.html>

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco-0.html>

The USA and Israel quit UNESCO. They pulled out on New Year's Eve. It is the second time the U.S. has pulled out. It quit in 1984 for seven years. The USA and Israel say UNESCO is against Israel. The USA said: "UNESCO is among the most corrupt and...biased UN agencies."

The USA co-founded UNESCO after World War II. It is famous for its World Heritage program. It improves education for girls, helps people understand the Holocaust, and defends the press. The U.S. will follow UNESCO as a non-member state. Israel said it would not be a member of UNESCO because it is against them.

Sources: <https://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/wireStory/us-israel-exit-cultural-agency-claiming-bias-60103564>  
<https://nypost.com/2019/01/01/us-and-israel-officially-leave-un-cultural-agency-claiming-bias/>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/us-israel-official-quit-un-agency-unesco-claiming-anti-israeli-bias>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The USA and Israel          | a. in 1984        |
| 2. They pulled                 | b. time           |
| 3. on New Year's               | c. against Israel |
| 4. It is the second            | d. UN agencies    |
| 5. It quit                     | e. Eve            |
| 6. for                         | f. quit UNESCO    |
| 7. UNESCO is                   | g. seven years    |
| 8. the most corrupt and biased | h. out            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. The USA co-             | a. understand the Holocaust |
| 2. famous for its World    | b. of UNESCO                |
| 3. It improves education   | c. press                    |
| 4. helps people            | d. them                     |
| 5. defends the             | e. Heritage program         |
| 6. follow UNESCO as a non- | f. for girls                |
| 7. be a member             | g. founded UNESCO           |
| 8. it is against           | h. member state             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The USA (1) \_\_\_\_\_ UNESCO. They

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ New Year's Eve. It is the

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. has pulled out. It

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ for seven years. The USA and Israel

say UNESCO (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The USA said: "UNESCO

is among the (6) \_\_\_\_\_...biased UN agencies."

The USA co-founded UNESCO (7) \_\_\_\_\_ II. It is

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ World Heritage program. It improves

(9) \_\_\_\_\_, helps people understand the

Holocaust, and (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The U.S. will follow

UNESCO as a non-member state. Israel (11) \_\_\_\_\_

not be a member of UNESCO because it (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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m.

# UNESCO SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about UNESCO 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco-0.html>

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

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