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UK ambassador to US says White House is inept

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

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THE READING

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UK-US relations soured after the diplomatic e-mails from the UK ambassador leaked. The mails were in a UK newspaper. They were very negative and critical of President Trump's White House. The ambassador wrote he believed the administration would not be normal. He called it dysfunctional, unpredictable, faction riven, clumsy and inept. He called the policy on Iran "incoherent" and "chaotic". A British official said the leak was an act of treachery.

The USA and the UK have a "special relationship". The UK also needs a trade deal with the USA after it leaves the European Union. The UK's Prime Minister has "full faith" in the ambassador but did not agree with his comments. A spokesman said the leak was "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump said the ambassador "has not served the UK well." He tweeted: "He is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no longer deal with him."

Sources: <https://www.aol.com/article/news/2019/07/07/uks-ambassador-to-the-us-criticizes-trump-in-leaked-memos/23765073/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. UK-US relations | a. inept |
| 2. The mails were in | b. not be normal |
| 3. They were very negative | c. act of treachery |
| 4. the administration would | d. a UK newspaper |
| 5. He called | e. and "chaotic" |
| 6. clumsy and | f. and critical |
| 7. on Iran "incoherent" | g. soured |
| 8. the leak was an | h. it dysfunctional |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The USA and the UK have a | a. thought of |
| 2. The UK also needs | b. the European Union |
| 3. after it leaves | c. deal with him |
| 4. did not agree | d. a trade deal |
| 5. the leak was absolutely | e. served the UK well |
| 6. the ambassador has not | f. "special relationship" |
| 7. He is not liked or well | g. unacceptable |
| 8. We will no longer | h. with his comments |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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UK-US relations (1) _____ diplomatic e-mails from the UK ambassador leaked. The mails were in a UK newspaper. They were very (2) _____ of President Trump's White House. The ambassador (3) _____ the administration would not be normal. He called it dysfunctional, unpredictable, (4) _____ and inept. He called (5) _____ Iran "incoherent" and "chaotic". A British official said the leak was an (6) _____.

The USA and the UK have a "special relationship". The UK also (7) _____ deal with the USA after it leaves the European Union. The UK's Prime Minister (8) _____ in the ambassador but did (9) _____ his comments. A spokesman said the (10) _____ unacceptable". Donald Trump said the ambassador "has (11) _____ UK well." He tweeted: "He is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no (12) _____ him."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about international relations 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) _____

