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**Level 5** – 21st December, 2019

## Donald Trump impeached

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# THE READING

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The House of Representatives in the USA has impeached Donald Trump. It is the third time in history for a president to be impeached. President Trump is charged with abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. These are both acts of "high crimes and misdemeanors". They could lead to his removal from power. This is unlikely as the US Congress is Republican-controlled and requires a majority of two-thirds. Democrat Nancy Pelosi said: "If we do not act now, we would be [careless] in our duty. It is tragic that the President's [unwise] actions make impeachment necessary."

The impeachment is the result of a long and bitter three-month investigation into allegations that President Trump pressured Ukraine to investigate his political rivals. Mr Trump said the probe is the greatest witch-hunt in history. Republicans have reacted angrily. A Republican compared the impeachment to how Pontius Pilate tried Jesus, but said Pilate was kinder. Mr Trump said: "The Democrats are surrendering their majority, their dignity. They look like a bunch of fools." He tweeted: "They are not after me; they are after you."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/12/18/politics/house-impeachment-vote/index.html>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/media/house-impeaches-trump-part-history-part-reality-show>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-50840934>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. It is the third time   | a. two-thirds   |
| 2. charged with abuse     | b. Congress     |
| 3. obstruction of         | c. unlikely     |
| 4. high crimes and        | d. of power     |
| 5. lead to his removal    | e. actions      |
| 6. This is                | f. in history   |
| 7. a majority of          | g. from power   |
| 8. the President's unwise | h. misdemeanors |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. impeachment is the               | a. rivals          |
| 2. a long and bitter three-month    | b. me              |
| 3. investigate his political        | c. result          |
| 4. the greatest witch-              | d. tried Jesus     |
| 5. how Pontius Pilate               | e. of fools        |
| 6. Democrats are surrendering their | f. hunt in history |
| 7. They look like a bunch           | g. majority        |
| 8. They are not after               | h. investigation   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The impeachment is the result of a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ three-month investigation into allegations that President Trump pressured Ukraine to investigate (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Trump said the probe is the greatest (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Republicans have reacted angrily. A Republican (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to how Pontius Pilate tried Jesus, but said Pilate was kinder. Mr Trump said: "The Democrats are surrendering their (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They look like a bunch of fools." He tweeted: "They are (12) \_\_\_\_\_; they are after you."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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esident's[unwise]actionsmakeimpeachmentnecessary."Theimpeac  
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gationsthatPresidentTrump pressuredUkrainetoinvestigatehispolitic  
alrivals.MrTrump saidtheprobeisthegreatestwitch-huntinhistory.Re  
publicanshavereactedangrily.ARepublicancomparedtheimpeachme  
nttohowPontiusPilatetriedJesus,but saidPilatewaskinder.MrTrump sa  
id:"TheDemocratsaresurrenderingtheirmajority,theirdignity.Theylo  
oklikeabunchoffools."Hetweeted:"Theyarenotafterme;theyareafter  
you."

# DONALD TRUMP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191221-donald-trump-impeachment-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Donald Trump 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) \_\_\_\_\_

