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Level 2 – 14th December 2023

Argentina's president warns of economic "shock treatment"

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Argentina's new president, Javier Milei, has promised to turn around the country's poor economy. Mr Milei said he would cut inflation, which is around 140 per cent. He also wants to cut Argentina's public debt. Argentina has borrowed a lot of money in the past few decades. In his first speech as president, he said the economy needed "shock treatment". He said previous governments spent too much, and so "there is no money left". He warned people that life would be tough for a few years. He said they would have to live in "austerity" to help the economy.

Javier Milei is a far-right politician. Many people say he is similar to former US President Donald Trump. During Milei's election campaign, he often carried a chainsaw. He wanted people to know he would cut spending. He said: "We know that in the short term, the situation will worsen, but then we will see the fruits of our efforts." His election victory was a surprise. He called it a turning point in Argentina's history, like the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. He has promised to limit abortion rights and relax gun laws. However, he does not believe in climate change.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Milei said he would | a. "shock treatment" |
| 2. He also wants to cut Argentina's | b. too much |
| 3. in the past | c. tough for a few years |
| 4. he said the economy needed | d. public debt |
| 5. previous governments spent | e. to help the economy |
| 6. there is no | f. few decades |
| 7. life would be | g. cut inflation |
| 8. live in "austerity" | h. money left |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a far- | a. Berlin Wall in 1989 |
| 2. he would cut | b. of our efforts |
| 3. we will see the fruits | c. rights |
| 4. His election victory was | d. in climate change |
| 5. a turning point in | e. a surprise |
| 6. the fall of the | f. spending |
| 7. He has promised to limit abortion | g. Argentina's history |
| 8. he does not believe | h. right politician |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Argentina's new president, Javier Milei, has (1) _____ around the country's poor economy. Mr Milei said he (2) _____, which is around 140 per cent. He also wants to cut Argentina's public debt. Argentina has (3) _____ of money in the past few decades. In his first speech as president, he said the economy needed "shock treatment". (4) _____ governments spent too much, and so "there is no money left". He warned people that life would (5) _____ a few years. He said they would have to live in "austerity" to (6) _____.

Javier Milei is a (7) _____. Many people say he is similar to former US President Donald Trump. During Milei's election campaign, he often (8) _____. He wanted people to know he would cut spending. He said: "We know that in (9) _____, the situation will worsen, but then we will see the fruits (10) _____." His election victory was a surprise. He called it a turning point in Argentina's history, (11) _____ of the Berlin Wall in 1989. He has promised to limit abortion rights and (12) _____. However, he does not believe in climate change.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PRESIDENTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about presidents 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) _____

