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Level 5

Donald Trump under fire for not paying tax

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Presidential nominee Donald Trump is in trouble following news about his tax. The New York Times said Mr Trump's 1995 tax returns showed \$916 million in business losses. This means he has not had to pay nearly a billion dollars in income tax. Despite this, Mr Trump has constantly criticized the tax system for being unfair. The Times wrote: "Trump is right when he says the system is rigged. What he doesn't say is that it's rigged...in the favor of people like him, and against regular people - those of us who earn money, pay income tax on it, and financially support the country."

Mr Trump has spent years attacking famous people for not paying enough tax. He attacked President Obama for paying a "paltry" tax rate of 20.5 per cent. Former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani said Mr Trump had done nothing illegal. He called him a "genius" for not paying tax and turning around his loss-making business. Giuliani likened Trump to Britain's WWII leader Winston Churchill. Mr Trump tweeted: "I know our complex tax laws better than anyone who has ever run for president and am the only one who can fix them." He told Hillary Clinton that he was "smart" for not paying taxes.

Sources: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/10/02/the-most-shocking-part-of-donald-trumps-tax-records-isnt-the-916-million-loss-everyones-talking-about/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Presidential | a. losses |
| 2. Donald Trump is in | b. returns |
| 3. tax | c. money |
| 4. \$916 million in business | d. trouble |
| 5. a billion dollars in income | e. for being unfair |
| 6. criticized the tax system | f. tax |
| 7. he says the system is | g. nominee |
| 8. those of us who earn | h. rigged |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. not paying | a. nothing illegal |
| 2. a "paltry" | b. not paying taxes |
| 3. Mr Trump had done | c. to Britain's WWII leader |
| 4. turning around his loss- | d. tax rate of 20.5% |
| 5. Giuliani likened Trump | e. fix them |
| 6. run for | f. enough tax |
| 7. the only one who can | g. making business |
| 8. he was "smart" for | h. president |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Trump has spent years attacking famous people for (7) _____ tax. He attacked President Obama for paying a "paltry" tax rate of 20.5 per cent. Former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani said Mr Trump had (8) _____. He called him a "genius" for not paying tax and turning around (9) _____ business. Giuliani likened Trump to Britain's WWII leader Winston Churchill. Mr Trump tweeted: "I know (10) _____ laws better than anyone who has ever run for president and am the only (11) _____ them." He told Hillary Clinton that (12) _____ not paying taxes.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DONALD TRUMP SURVEY

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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) _____

