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Level 1 – 21st August, 2019

Donald Trump interested in buying Greenland

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Donald Trump is interested in buying Greenland. He said it would be like buying property and was, "a large real estate deal". He added: "They've got a lot of valuable minerals." Mr Trump said: "Denmark owns it....We protect Denmark....So the concept came up and I said, 'Certainly I'd be [interested].' He said buying Greenland was not his top priority at the moment. He said: "It's not number one on the burner."

Greenland is a territory of Denmark. Denmark's leader said: "Greenland is not for sale. Greenland is not Danish. Greenland belongs to Greenland. I strongly hope that this is not meant seriously." Greenland's leader also made it clear that Greenland is not for sale. The USA has been interested in Greenland before. In 1946, President Harry Truman offered Denmark \$100 million for the island but Denmark said no.

Sources: https://www.bbc.com/news/world/middle_east
<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/08/18/politics/us-buy-greenland-danish-prime-minister/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. it would be like | a. up |
| 2. a large real | b. priority |
| 3. They've got a lot of valuable | c. estate deal |
| 4. the concept came | d. on the burner |
| 5. Certainly I'd | e. moment |
| 6. Greenland was not his top | f. minerals |
| 7. at the | g. buying property |
| 8. It's not number one | h. be interested |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Greenland is a territory | a. made it clear |
| 2. Greenland belongs | b. for the island |
| 3. this is not meant | c. to Greenland |
| 4. Greenland's leader also | d. no |
| 5. Greenland is not | e. in Greenland |
| 6. The USA has been interested | f. seriously |
| 7. offered Denmark \$100 million | g. for sale |
| 8. Denmark said | h. of Denmark |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Donald Trump (1) _____ buying Greenland. He said it would be (2) _____ and was, "a large real estate deal". He added: "They've got a (3) _____ minerals." Mr Trump said: "Denmark owns it....We protect Denmark....So (4) _____ up and I said, 'Certainly I'd be [interested].' He said buying Greenland was not (5) _____ at the moment. He said: "It's not number one (6) _____."

Greenland (7) _____ of Denmark. Denmark's leader said: "Greenland (8) _____ sale. Greenland is not Danish. Greenland belongs to Greenland. I (9) _____ this is not meant seriously." Greenland's leader also (10) _____ that Greenland is not for sale. The USA (11) _____ in Greenland before. In 1946, President Harry Truman offered Denmark \$100 million for (12) _____ Denmark said no.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GREENLAND SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Greenland 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) _____

