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Level 0 – 24th February, 2022

Germany closes gas pipeline amid Ukraine crisis

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Germany has closed a gas pipeline from Russia to Europe. This is because Russia said two parts of eastern Ukraine were independent countries. Germany's leader said: "We must reassess the situation." He warned that Europe faced difficulties. He said there might be a new war in Europe, 80 years after the end of WWII.

Closing the gas pipeline is one action Western nations have taken against Russia. The U.K. took action against Russian banks and billionaires after Russia said it might enter eastern Ukraine. The USA will take action soon. Russia said it would not go into Ukraine. It said: "If there is a threat, then we will provide assistance."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Germany has closed | a. difficulties |
| 2. from Russia | b. of eastern Ukraine |
| 3. two parts | c. end of WWII |
| 4. independent | d. a gas pipeline |
| 5. We must | e. war in Europe |
| 6. Europe faced | f. countries |
| 7. there might be a new | g. reassess the situation |
| 8. 80 years after the | h. to Europe |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Closing the | a. action |
| 2. one action Western nations | b. eastern Ukraine |
| 3. The U.K. took | c. assistance |
| 4. Russian banks and | d. have taken |
| 5. it might enter | e. threat |
| 6. The USA will take action | f. gas pipeline |
| 7. If there is a | g. billionaires |
| 8. we will provide | h. soon |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Germany (1) _____ gas pipeline from Russia to Europe. (2) _____ Russia said (3) _____ eastern Ukraine were independent countries. Germany's leader said: "(4) _____ the situation." (5) _____ Europe faced difficulties. He said there might be a new war in Europe, 80 years (6) _____ of WWII.

Closing the gas pipeline (7) _____ Western nations (8) _____ Russia. The U.K. took action (9) _____ and billionaires after Russia (10) _____ enter eastern Ukraine. The USA will take action soon. Russia said it would (11) _____ Ukraine. It said: "If there is a threat, then (12) _____ assistance."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE UKRAINE CRISIS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Ukraine Crisis 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) _____

