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Germany closes gas pipeline amid Ukraine crisis

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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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Germany has closed the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that was made to transport gas from Russia to Europe. This is because of Russia's actions in Ukraine. President Vladimir Putin recognised two regions in eastern Ukraine as independent countries. He said the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics were separate nations. Germany's leader said: "In light of the most recent developments, we must reassess the situation." He warned that Europe faced "difficult hours," and that, "almost 80 years after the end of the Second World War, we might see a new war in...Europe".

Nord Stream 2 is a pipeline under the Baltic Sea. Closing it is one of the sanctions that Western nations have made against Russia. The U.K. announced the first of its sanctions after Mr Putin said troops could enter eastern Ukraine. The U.K. will freeze the assets of Russian banks and billionaires. Some have been given travel bans. U.S. President Joe Biden said he would announce sanctions soon. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister said Russia was not planning to invade Ukraine. He told reporters: "If there is a threat, then we will provide assistance."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/02/22/business/nord-stream-2-germany-russia/index.html>
<https://www.rt.com/russia/550244-recognize-sovereignty-dpr-lpr-end/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. transport gas | a. countries |
| 2. This is because | b. World War |
| 3. Putin recognised two regions | c. of Russia's actions |
| 4. independent | d. war in Europe |
| 5. In light of the most | e. hours |
| 6. Europe faced difficult | f. in eastern Ukraine |
| 7. after the end of the Second | g. recent developments |
| 8. we might see a new | h. from Russia to Europe |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a pipeline | a. invade Ukraine |
| 2. announced the first of its | b. of Russian banks |
| 3. freeze the assets | c. assistance |
| 4. Some have been | d. under the Baltic Sea |
| 5. he would announce sanctions | e. threat |
| 6. Russia was not planning to | f. given travel bans |
| 7. If there is a | g. soon |
| 8. we will provide | h. sanctions |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Germany (1) _____ Nord Stream 2 pipeline that was made to (2) _____ Russia to Europe. This is because of Russia's actions in Ukraine. President Vladimir Putin recognised (3) _____ eastern Ukraine as independent countries. He said the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics (4) _____. Germany's leader said: "In light of the most recent developments, we must reassess the situation." He warned that Europe (5) _____ and that, "almost 80 years after the end of the Second World War, we might see a (6) _____ Europe".

Nord Stream 2 is (7) _____ the Baltic Sea. Closing it is one (8) _____ that Western nations have made against Russia. The U.K. announced the first of its sanctions after Mr Putin said (9) _____ eastern Ukraine. The U.K. will freeze the assets of Russian banks and billionaires. Some have been (10) _____. U.S. President Joe Biden said he would announce sanctions soon. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister said Russia was not (11) _____ Ukraine. He told reporters: "If there (12) _____, then we will provide 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) _____

