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## **Level 4**

### **USA and Russia in election hacking tit-for-tat**

**1st January, 2017**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170101-hacking-4.html>

There is a crisis between the USA and Russia. U.S. officials said Russia interfered in the U.S. election in November. They say Russian hackers stole Hillary Clinton's e-mails and put them on the Wikileaks website. The officials said Vladimir Putin wanted voters to vote for Donald Trump. President Barack Obama has now expelled 35 Russian diplomats from Washington. He also shut down two Russian intelligence buildings.

Russia is angry about the expulsions. It has denied hacking and says the U.S. actions are "ungrounded". Moscow has promised "counter-measures". However, any tit-for-tat measures may be less severe due to Mr Trump becoming President soon. A Russian spokesman said: "[Mr] Trump will become the head of state in three weeks' time. Of course, this factor will certainly be taken into account." Mr Trump wants better US-Russian relations.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. There is a crisis between          | a. interfered         |
| 2. U.S. officials said Russia         | b. website            |
| 3. the U.S. election                  | c. diplomats          |
| 4. Hillary Clinton's                  | d. the USA and Russia |
| 5. put them on the Wikileaks          | e. buildings          |
| 6. Putin wanted voters to vote        | f. e-mails            |
| 7. expelled 35 Russian                | g. in November        |
| 8. shut down two Russian intelligence | h. for Donald Trump   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Russia is angry about the           | a. "counter-measures" |
| 2. It has denied                       | b. into account       |
| 3. the U.S. actions are                | c. hacking            |
| 4. Moscow has promised                 | d. of state           |
| 5. any tit-for-tat measures may be     | e. expulsions         |
| 6. Mr Trump will become the head       | f. relations          |
| 7. this factor will certainly be taken | g. "ungrounded"       |
| 8. Mr Trump wants better US-Russian    | h. less severe        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ between the USA and Russia. U.S. officials said Russia interfered (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in November. They say Russian hackers stole Hillary Clinton's e-mails (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Wikileaks website. The officials said Vladimir Putin (4) \_\_\_\_\_ vote for Donald Trump. President Barack Obama has (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Russian diplomats from Washington. He also shut down two Russian (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Russia (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the expulsions. It has denied hacking and says the U.S. actions (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Moscow has promised "counter-measures". However, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ measures may be less (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Trump becoming President soon. A Russian spokesman said: "[Mr] Trump will become (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in three weeks' time. Of course, this factor will certainly be (12) \_\_\_\_\_." Mr Trump wants better US-Russian relations.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HACKING SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170101-hacking-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hacking 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) \_\_\_\_\_

