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China outlines Silk Road plan for global trade

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THE READING

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China has outlined an ambitious project to help global growth. President Xi has promised to invest \$124 billion to increase global trade along the old Silk Road route. He spoke about the plan at a meeting of 29 world leaders, as well as the heads of the UN, IMF and World Bank. Xi stated that the new plan aimed to expand trade between Asia, Africa, Europe and beyond. He said the project would invest billions of dollars in infrastructure and help with the free flow of goods. He told those at the summit that: "Trade is the important engine of economic development."

President Xi said increased global trade and cooperation would make the world more peaceful. He said: "We will not re-tread the old path of games between foes. Instead we will create a new model of cooperation and mutual benefit." Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had good words to say about President Xi's "vision". He said the huge scale of the cooperation and economic partnerships and investments were a world first. He added: "We stand at the cusp of a geo-economic revolution." Britain's finance minister said his country was a "natural partner" of the project.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. China has outlined an | a. \$124 billion |
| 2. help global | b. flow of goods |
| 3. promised to invest | c. UN, IMF and World Bank |
| 4. the heads of the | d. growth |
| 5. the new plan aimed to | e. and beyond |
| 6. Asia, Africa, Europe | f. in infrastructure |
| 7. invest billions of dollars | g. ambitious project |
| 8. help with the free | h. expand trade |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. make the world more | a. benefit |
| 2. We will not re-tread the old | b. of the project |
| 3. games between | c. the cooperation |
| 4. cooperation and mutual | d. path |
| 5. the huge scale of | e. economic revolution |
| 6. economic partnerships and | f. peaceful |
| 7. at the cusp of a geo- | g. investments |
| 8. his country was a "natural partner" | h. foes |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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President Xi said increased global (7) _____ would make the world more peaceful. He said: "We will not re-tread (8) _____ games between foes. Instead we will create a new model of cooperation (9) _____." Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had good words (10) _____ President Xi's "vision". He said the huge scale of the cooperation and economic partnerships and investments (11) _____ first. He added: "We stand at the cusp of a geo-economic revolution." Britain's finance minister said his country was a "natural (12) _____ project.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GLOBAL TRADE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about global trade 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) _____

