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Level 1 – 14th December 2023

Argentina's president warns of economic "shock treatment"

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2023/12/231214-javier-milei-1.html>

Argentina's new president has promised to turn around his country's poor economy. Javier Milei said he would cut inflation, which is around 140 per cent. He also wants to cut the public debt. In his first speech as president, he said the economy needed "shock treatment" because "there is no money left". Previous governments spent too much. He warned people that life would be tough for a few years. People will have to live in austerity.

Javier Milei is a far-right politician. Many people compare him to Donald Trump. During Milei's election campaign, he carried a chainsaw to show he would cut spending. He said: "In the short term, the situation will worsen, but then we will see the fruits of our efforts." His election victory was a surprise. He called it a turning point in Argentina's history. He wants to limit abortion rights and relax gun laws. He does not believe in climate change.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-67678276>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Argentina's new | a. the public debt |
| 2. cut inflation, which is | b. a few years |
| 3. He also wants to cut | c. left |
| 4. In his first speech | d. in austerity |
| 5. there is no money | e. around 140 per cent |
| 6. Previous governments spent | f. president |
| 7. life would be tough for | g. as president |
| 8. People will have to live | h. too much |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Milei is a far-right | a. will worsen |
| 2. people compare him | b. chainsaw |
| 3. During Milei's election | c. laws |
| 4. he carried a | d. politician |
| 5. In the short term, the situation | e. was a surprise |
| 6. we will see the fruits | f. to Donald Trump |
| 7. His election victory | g. of our efforts |
| 8. relax gun | h. campaign |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2023/12/231214-javier-milei-1.html>

Argentina's new president (1) _____ turn around his country's poor economy. Javier Milei said he (2) _____, which is around 140 per cent. He also wants to cut (3) _____. In his first speech as president, he said (4) _____ "shock treatment" because "there is no money left". Previous governments (5) _____. He warned people that life would (6) _____ a few years. People will have to live in austerity.

Javier Milei is (7) _____ politician. Many people (8) _____ Donald Trump. During Milei's election campaign, he (9) _____ to show he would cut spending. He said: "In the short term, the situation will worsen, but then we will see (10) _____ our efforts." His election victory was a surprise. He called it a turning point in Argentina's history. He (11) _____ abortion rights and relax gun laws. He does (12) _____ climate change.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PRESIDENTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about presidents 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) _____

