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## **Level 2**

### **Oil pipeline protest joined by military veterans**

**5th December, 2016**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline-2.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline-2.html>

People in the U.S. state of North Dakota are angry because an oil company is building a multibillion-dollar pipeline under a lake near their land. The Sioux people have lived on the land for thousands of years. The Sioux are Native Americans. They have been joined by many protestors. They are all trying to stop the \$3.8 billion pipeline. They say it will dirty their drinking water. They also say the pipeline will damage sacred Sioux sites. A company from Texas, Energy Transfer Partners, owns the 1,885-km pipeline project. It is almost complete.

The protestors call themselves "water protectors". They have been trying to block the pipeline for months. They were recently joined by U.S. military veterans (retired soldiers, sailors and members of the air force). The veterans built the protestors shelters to keep warm in the freezing winter. There has been violence between the protestors and police. A North Dakota spokesman said some of the protestors were "frightening". However, a Coast Guard veteran said: "We will be unarmed, completely prepared for peaceful protest. We don't even like the word 'protest'. We're there to help."

Sources: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/03/us/standing-rock-pipeline-protest-north-dakota.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. People in the U.S. state     | a. drinking water     |
| 2. under a lake                 | b. Texas              |
| 3. on the land for              | c. sacred Sioux sites |
| 4. They have been joined        | d. complete           |
| 5. They say it will dirty their | e. near their land    |
| 6. the pipeline will damage     | f. of North Dakota    |
| 7. A company from               | g. thousands of years |
| 8. It is almost                 | h. by many protestors |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The protestors call themselves | a. to keep warm            |
| 2. They have been trying to block | b. U.S. military veterans  |
| 3. They were recently joined by   | c. 'protest'               |
| 4. retired                        | d. protestors and police   |
| 5. shelters                       | e. "water protectors"      |
| 6. violence between the           | f. protest                 |
| 7. prepared for peaceful          | g. the pipeline for months |
| 8. We don't even like the word    | h. soldiers                |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline-2.html>

People (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of North Dakota are angry because an oil company (2) \_\_\_\_\_ multibillion-dollar pipeline under a lake near their land. The Sioux people have lived (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for thousands of years. The Sioux are Native Americans. They have been joined by many protestors. They are all (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the \$3.8 billion pipeline. They say it will dirty their drinking water. They also say the pipeline will (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Sioux sites. A company from Texas, Energy Transfer Partners, owns the 1,885-km pipeline project. It is (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The protestors (7) \_\_\_\_\_ "water protectors". They have been (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the pipeline for months. They were recently joined by U.S. military veterans (retired soldiers, sailors and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ air force). The veterans built the protestors shelters to keep warm in the freezing winter. There (10) \_\_\_\_\_ between the protestors and police. A North Dakota spokesman said some of the protestors were "frightening". However, a Coast Guard veteran said: "(12) \_\_\_\_\_, completely prepared for peaceful protest. We (13) \_\_\_\_\_ word 'protest'. We're there to help."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PROTESTS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline-4.html>

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

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline-2.html>

Write about **protests** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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