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Trump says Jerusalem is Israel's capital city

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THE READING

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The President of the USA, Donald Trump, has announced that the USA officially recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. This comes ahead of its embassy moving from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The decision overturns decades of America having its embassy in Tel Aviv. Mr Trump explained the rationale for his decision. He said he, "judged this course of action to be in the best interests of the USA, and the pursuit of peace between Israel and the Palestinians". He added that recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital was, "nothing more or less than a recognition of reality".

The UN called the decision "a moment of great anxiety". It said: "There is no alternative to the two-state solution." Israel's Prime Minister said it was "a historic day". He was "profoundly grateful" to Mr Trump. Palestinian leader, Ismail Haniya, described the decision as a "flagrant aggression," and "the official announcement of the end of the peace process". A Palestinian diplomat said Mr Trump, "is declaring war in the Middle East and against 1.5 billion Muslims". Israel's Haaretz newspaper said the decision would give Iran and its allies "a wonderful rallying cry" and could help organizations like ISIS.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the capital | a. of the USA |
| 2. its embassy moving | b. less |
| 3. Mr Trump explained the rationale | c. from Tel Aviv |
| 4. course of | d. of reality |
| 5. in the best interests | e. peace |
| 6. the pursuit of | f. of Israel |
| 7. more or | g. for his decision |
| 8. a recognition | h. action |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a moment of great | a. cry |
| 2. There is no | b. solution |
| 3. the two-state | c. grateful to Mr Trump |
| 4. He was profoundly | d. like ISIS |
| 5. the end of the peace | e. anxiety |
| 6. declaring | f. process |
| 7. a wonderful rallying | g. war |
| 8. help organizations | h. alternative |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The President of the USA, Donald Trump, (1) _____ the USA officially recognizes Jerusalem as (2) _____ Israel. This comes ahead of its embassy moving from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The decision (3) _____ America having its embassy in Tel Aviv. Mr Trump explained (4) _____ his decision. He said he, "judged this course of action to be in the (5) _____ the USA, and the pursuit of peace between Israel and the Palestinians". He added that recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital was, "nothing more or less than (6) _____ reality".

The UN called the decision "a moment (7) _____". It said: "There is no alternative to the (8) _____." Israel's Prime Minister said it was "a historic day". He was (9) _____ Mr Trump. Palestinian leader, Ismail Haniya, described the decision as a "flagrant aggression," and "the official announcement of the end of (10) _____". A Palestinian diplomat said Mr Trump, "is declaring war in the Middle East and against 1.5 billion Muslims". Israel's Haaretz newspaper said the decision would give Iran (11) _____ "a wonderful rallying (12) _____ help organizations like ISIS.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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JERUSALEM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Jerusalem 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) _____

