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**Level 6 – 18th October, 2019**

## Turkey rejects calls for ceasefire in Syria

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# THE ARTICLE

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President Erdogan has vowed that Turkey would press ahead with its offensive in northern Syria despite calls from around the world to stop its incursion. He said: "We will never declare a ceasefire. The USA is pressuring us to stop the operation. It is announcing sanctions. Our goal is clear. We are not worried about any sanctions." He wrote in the Wall Street Journal that: "The international community missed its opportunity to prevent the Syrian crisis from pulling an entire region into a maelstrom of instability. The European Union and the world should support what Turkey is trying to do." President Trump said yesterday: "It is not our problem. It is time for us to go home."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. CEASEFIRES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ceasefires. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

leader / military / actions / group / troops / buffer zone / ceasefire / talks / violence  
vowed / offensive / incursion / operation / sanctions / international / instability / home

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. MILITARY ACTION:** Students A **strongly** believe military action is wrong; Students B **strongly** believe it is OK. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. MAJOR PLAYERS:** What can these countries do to help bring peace to Syria? Discuss this with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What They Can Do?	Would This Work?
Syria		
USA		
Turkey		
Russia		
European Union		
United Nations		

**5. LEADER:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "leader". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. RESOLUTION:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- A buffer zone
- UN intervention
- US intervention
- Turkish-Kurd talks
- US sanctions
- International sanctions
- The Syrian military
- Russia

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1. military    | a. A temporary suspension of fighting, typically one during which peace talks take place; a truce. |
| 2. troops      | b. Trying to reach an agreement or compromise by discussion with others.                           |
| 3. withdrawal  | c. Relating to or characteristic of soldiers or armed forces.                                      |
| 4. buffer zone | d. Soldiers or armed forces.   |
| 5. ceasefire   | e. A neutral area serving to separate hostile forces or nations.                                   |
| 6. invasion    | f. An instance of moving into and taking over a country or region with an armed force.             |
| 7. negotiate   | g. The action of ceasing to participate in an activity; moving personnel out of an area.           |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. vowed        | h. All of something; whole.  |
| 9. offensive    | i. The chance to do something.   |
| 10. declare     | j. Measures taken by a nation to force another nation to conform to an international agreement or norms of conduct, typically in the form of restrictions on trade or on participation in sporting events. |
| 11. sanctions   | k. Promised.   |
| 12. opportunity | l. A situation or state of confused movement or violent turmoil.   |
| 13. entire      | m. An attacking military campaign.   |
| 14. maelstrom   | n. Formally announce the beginning of something.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. President Trump ordered Turkey to stop attacks in southern Syria. **T / F**
- b. Turkey started attacking towns in Syria a month ago. **T / F**
- c. Turkey wants to create a buffer zone on its border. **T / F**
- d. President Trump wants Turkey to talk to the Kurds. **T / F**
- e. President Erdogan has vowed to stop the fighting. **T / F**
- f. President Erdogan is very worried about US sanctions. **T / F**
- g. President Erdogan said world inaction created a maelstrom of instability. **T / F**
- h. President Trump said the situation in Syria is a big problem for the USA. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- 1. **actions**
- 2. **attacking**
- 3. **withdrawal**
- 4. **buffer**
- 5. **negotiate**
- 6. **vowed**
- 7. **offensive**
- 8. **sanctions**
- 9. **maelstrom**
- 10. **support**

- a. back
- b. cushion
- c. promised
- d. striking
- e. assault
- f. exploits
- g. chaos
- h. discuss terms
- i. penalties
- j. pullout

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- 1. end his country's military
  - 2. pulling out a group
  - 3. create a buffer
  - 4. implement an immediate
  - 5. bring an end
  - 6. Erdogan has vowed that Turkey
  - 7. We will never
  - 8. We are not worried about
  - 9. a maelstrom
  - 10. the world should support what
- a. zone on its border
  - b. to the violence
  - c. Turkey is trying to do
  - d. would press ahead
  - e. actions
  - f. any sanctions
  - g. ceasefire
  - h. of instability
  - i. of its troops
  - j. declare a ceasefire

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

US President Donald Trump has asked Turkey's leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan to end his country's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ actions in northern Syria. Turkey started attacking towns in northern Syria last week following the USA (2) \_\_\_\_\_ out a group of its troops in the area. Soon after the US (3) \_\_\_\_\_, Turkey (4) \_\_\_\_\_ attacks on Kurdish fighters. It wants to create a buffer (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on its border that is free of Kurds. President Trump called for an immediate ceasefire in the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and for talks with the Kurds. US Vice-President Mike Pence told President Erdogan: "The USA wants Turkey to stop the (7) \_\_\_\_\_, implement an immediate ceasefire and to begin to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with Kurdish forces in Syria to bring an end to the violence".

*region*  
*withdrawal*  
*launched*  
*negotiate*  
*military*  
*invasion*  
*pulling*  
*zone*

President Erdogan has (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that Turkey would press ahead with its offensive in northern Syria despite (10) \_\_\_\_\_ from around the world to stop its incursion. He said: "We will never (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a ceasefire. The USA is pressuring us to stop the operation. It is announcing sanctions. Our (12) \_\_\_\_\_ is clear. We are not worried about any sanctions." He wrote in the Wall Street Journal that: "The international community (13) \_\_\_\_\_ its opportunity to prevent the Syrian crisis from pulling an (14) \_\_\_\_\_ region into a maelstrom of instability. The European Union and the world should support what Turkey is (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to do." President Trump said yesterday: "It is not our problem. It is (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for us to go home."

*calls*  
*missed*  
*trying*  
*vowed*  
*time*  
*goal*  
*declare*  
*entire*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

- 1) asked Turkey's leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan to end his country's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. militia actions
  - b. militarize actions
  - c. military actions
  - d. mill a tree actions
- 2) Syria last week following the USA pulling out a group of its \_\_\_\_\_ area
  - a. troop in the
  - b. troops in the
  - c. troop sin the
  - d. true spin the
- 3) launched attacks on Kurdish fighters. It wants to create \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a buffer zone
  - b. a buffet zone
  - c. a buff a-zone
  - d. a puffer zone
- 4) The USA wants Turkey to stop \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the invasion
  - b. the invades
  - c. the inversion
  - d. the invidious
- 5) negotiate with Kurdish forces in Syria to bring an end \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to the vile ants
  - b. to the vial ants
  - c. to the violent
  - d. to the violence
- 6) President Erdogan has vowed that Turkey would press ahead \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. with its defensive
  - b. with its off pensive
  - c. with its of pensive
  - d. with its offensive
- 7) northern Syria despite calls from around the world to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. stop its incursion
  - b. stop pits incursion
  - c. stop pits inclusion
  - d. stop its inclusion
- 8) Our goal is clear. We are not worried \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. about any suctions
  - b. about any actions
  - c. about any thank shuns
  - d. about any sanctions
- 9) prevent the Syrian crisis from pulling an entire region into \_\_\_\_\_ instability
  - a. a mail storm of
  - b. a male storm of
  - c. a maelstrom of
  - d. a mail strum of
- 10) The European Union and the world should support what Turkey is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. try in to do
  - b. trying to do
  - c. trialing to do
  - d. trailing to do

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

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President Erdogan has vowed that Turkey (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with its offensive in northern Syria (8) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world to stop its incursion. He said: "We will never (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The USA is pressuring us to stop the operation. It is announcing sanctions. Our goal is clear. We are not worried (10) \_\_\_\_\_." He wrote in the Wall Street Journal that: "The international community missed its opportunity to prevent the Syrian crisis from pulling an entire region (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of instability. The European Union and the world should support what Turkey is trying to do." President Trump said yesterday: "It is not our problem. It is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to go home."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

1. In what part of Syria is fighting taking place?
2. What did the article say the USA pulled out?
3. What does Turkey want to create on its border?
4. Who was sent to Turkey to talk to President Erdogan?
5. Who does the USA want Turkey to talk to?
6. Who vowed to press ahead with an offensive?
7. What did Turkey's president say he would never declare?
8. What did the USA impose on Turkey?
9. What did President Erdogan say the world put Syria into a maelstrom of?
10. What did President Trump say it was time to do?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

- 1) In what part of Syria is fighting taking place?
  - a) northern Syria
  - b) central Syria
  - c) southern Syria
  - d) eastern Syria
- 2) What did the article say the USA pulled out?
  - a) guns
  - b) embassy staff
  - c) a group of troops
  - d) military bases
- 3) What does Turkey want to create on its border?
  - a) fortresses
  - b) parks and gardens
  - c) a demilitarized zone
  - d) a buffer zone
- 4) Who was sent to Turkey to talk to President Erdogan?
  - a) the US foreign secretary
  - b) US President Mike Pence
  - c) a Kurdish leader
  - d) the European Union chief
- 5) Who does the USA want Turkey to talk to?
  - a) Kurdish forces
  - b) Kurdish leaders
  - c) Kurdish people
  - d) President Trump
- 6) Who vowed to press ahead with an offensive?
  - a) the USA
  - b) Kurdish forces
  - c) Syria
  - d) President Erdogan
- 7) What did Turkey's president say he would never declare?
  - a) troop numbers
  - b) war
  - c) a ceasefire
  - d) a draw
- 8) What did the USA impose on Turkey?
  - a) a penalty
  - b) sanctions
  - c) terms and conditions
  - d) a fine
- 9) What did President Erdogan say the world put Syria into a maelstrom of?
  - a) uncertainty
  - b) chaos
  - c) instability
  - d) battles
- 10) What did President Trump say it was time to do?
  - a) make peace
  - b) for the US to go home
  - c) redraw borders
  - d) fight

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

## **Role A – A Buffer Zone**

You think a buffer zone is the best thing to end this crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): UN intervention, US sanctions or Turkish-Kurd talks.

## **Role B – UN Intervention**

You think UN intervention is the best thing to end this crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a buffer zone, US sanctions or Turkish-Kurd talks.

## **Role C – US Sanctions**

You think US sanctions is the best thing to end this crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): UN intervention, a buffer zone or Turkish-Kurd talks.

## **Role D – Turkish-Kurd Talks**

You think Turkish-Kurd talks are the best thing to end this crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): UN intervention, US sanctions or a buffer zone.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'cease' and 'fire'.

<b>cease</b>	<b>fire</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• asked</li><li>• following</li><li>• group</li><li>• free</li><li>• talks</li><li>• violence</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• vowed</li><li>• never</li><li>• goal</li><li>• international</li><li>• support</li><li>• home</li></ul>
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# CEASEFIRES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

Write five GOOD questions about ceasefires 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.

# CEASEFIRE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'ceasefire'?
3. What do you know about this latest crisis?
4. Why has Turkey gone into Syria?
5. What do you think of the USA pulling troops out?
6. How long do you think the military action will continue?
7. What do you know about the Kurds?
8. What three adjectives best describe this story?
9. What do you think the situation will be like in three months?
10. What advice do you have for President Erdogan?

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# CEASEFIRE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'military'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What does your country's leader think of this situation?
15. What do you know about relations between the USA and the Kurds?
16. How do you think this will end?
17. What effect will sanctions have on Turkey?
18. Is this situation the USA's problem?
19. Should the European Union support Turkey?
20. What questions would you like to ask President Erdogan?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

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President Erdogan has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that Turkey would press ahead with its offensive in northern Syria despite calls from around the world to stop its (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "We will never (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a ceasefire. The USA is pressuring us to stop the operation. It is announcing sanctions. Our goal is clear. We are not worried about any sanctions." He wrote in the Wall Street Journal that: "The international community (10) \_\_\_\_\_ its opportunity to prevent the Syrian crisis from pulling an entire region into a maelstrom of (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The European Union and the world should support what Turkey is trying to (12) \_\_\_\_\_." President Trump said yesterday: "It is not our problem. It is time for us to go home."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |              |               |                 |                 |
|-----|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) asked    | (b) suggested | (c) admonish    | (d) scold       |
| 2.  | (a) follows  | (b) followed  | (c) following   | (d) follow      |
| 3.  | (a) butter   | (b) puffer    | (c) buffer      | (d) suffer      |
| 4.  | (a) frees    | (b) freely    | (c) freedom     | (d) free        |
| 5.  | (a) talkies  | (b) talking   | (c) talks       | (d) talk        |
| 6.  | (a) to       | (b) with      | (c) of          | (d) at          |
| 7.  | (a) bowed    | (b) vowed     | (c) wowed       | (d) cowed       |
| 8.  | (a) revision | (b) incursion | (c) submission  | (d) aversion    |
| 9.  | (a) subsume  | (b) emit      | (c) declare     | (d) except      |
| 10. | (a) rode     | (b) parsed    | (c) aroused     | (d) missed      |
| 11. | (a) stable   | (b) stability | (c) unstable    | (d) instability |
| 12. | (a) redo     | (b) refer     | (c) achievement | (d) do          |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. iytariml actions
2. create a brfeuf zone on its border
3. stop the nsinvaio
4. lenmeiptm an immediate ceasefire
5. begin to etgientao with Kurdish forces
6. bring an end to the eneviolc

## Paragraph 2

7. press ahead with its fisneeofv
8. ladcere a ceasefire
9. The USA is risurpengs us
10. It is announcing tonsisacn
11. missed its ptootyirupn
12. into a ommretlas of instability

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) community missed its opportunity to prevent the Syrian crisis from pulling an entire
- ( ) on Kurdish fighters. It wants to create a buffer zone on its border that is free of Kurds. President Trump called
- ( ) region into a maelstrom of instability. The European Union and the world should support what Turkey is
- ( ) declare a ceasefire. The USA is pressuring us to stop the operation. It is announcing sanctions. Our goal is
- ( ) for an immediate ceasefire in the region and for talks with the Kurds. US Vice-President Mike Pence
- ( ) out a group of its troops in the area. Soon after the US withdrawal, Turkey launched attacks
- ( ) Syria despite calls from around the world to stop its incursion. He said: "We will never
- ( **1** ) US President Donald Trump has asked Turkey's leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan to end his country's military
- ( ) ceasefire and to begin to negotiate with Kurdish forces in Syria to bring an end to the violence".
- ( ) President Erdogan has vowed that Turkey would press ahead with its offensive in northern
- ( ) told President Erdogan: "The USA wants Turkey to stop the invasion, implement an immediate
- ( ) trying to do." President Trump said yesterday: "It is not our problem. It is time for us to go home."
- ( ) actions in northern Syria. Turkey started attacking towns in northern Syria last week following the USA pulling
- ( ) clear. We are not worried about any sanctions." He wrote in the Wall Street Journal that: "The international

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

1. in End military Syria . actions northern country's his
2. Syria towns week . Started in northern attacking last
3. its of pulling group a out After troops .
4. buffer a on Create zone its border .
5. immediate for an Called the ceasefire in region .
6. with would offensive . ahead Turkey press its
7. stop . to world from the Despite calls around
8. USA operations . to pressuring is us The stop
9. its opportunity the prevent Missed Syrian to crisis .
10. an region Pulling maelstrom . entire into a

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191018-turkey-syria.html>

US President Donald Trump has asked Turkey's leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan to end his country's *military / militaries* actions in northern Syria. Turkey started attacking towns in northern Syria last week *following / followed* the USA pulling *in / out* a group of its troops in the *area / arena*. Soon after the US *withdrawal / withdraw*, Turkey launched attacks on Kurdish fighters. It wants to create a *buffet / buffer* zone on its border that is *freedom / free* of Kurds. President Trump called for an immediate ceasefire in the *region / regional* and for talks with the Kurds. US Vice-President Mike Pence told President Erdogan: "The USA wants Turkey to stop the *invade / invasion*, implement an immediate ceasefire and to begin to negotiate with Kurdish forces in Syria to bring an end to the *violent / violence*".

President Erdogan has *wowed / vowed* that Turkey would press *ahead / heading* with its offensive in northern Syria despite calls from around the world to stop its *incursion / inclusion*. He said: "We will never declare a ceasefire. The USA is *pressured / pressuring* us to stop the operation. It is announcing *suctions / sanctions*. Our goal is clear. We are not worried about any sanctions." He wrote in the Wall Street Journal that: "The international *community / commune* missed its opportunity to *prevent / stopping* the Syrian crisis from pulling an *entire / entry* region into a maelstrom of instability. The European Union and the world should *supportive / support* what Turkey is trying to do." President Trump said yesterday: "It is not our problem. It is time for *us / them* to go home."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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U S P r\_s\_d\_n t D\_n\_l d T r\_m p h\_s \_s k\_d T\_r k\_y ' s l\_\_ d\_r R\_c\_p T\_y y\_p E r d\_g\_n t\_ n d h\_s c\_\_ n t r y ' s m\_l\_t\_r y \_c t\_\_ n s \_n n\_r t h\_r n S y r\_\_ . T\_r k\_y s t\_r t\_d \_t t\_c k\_n g t\_w n s \_n n\_r t h\_r n S y r\_\_ l\_s t w\_\_ k f\_l l\_w\_n g t h\_ U S A p\_l l\_n g \_\_ t \_ g\_r\_\_ p \_f \_t s t\_r\_\_ p s \_n t h\_ r\_\_ . S\_\_ n \_f t\_r t h\_ U S w\_t h d r\_w\_l , T\_r k\_y l\_\_ n c h\_d \_t t\_c k s \_n K\_r d\_s h f\_g h t\_r s . I t w\_n t s t\_ c r\_\_ t\_ \_ b\_f f\_r z\_n\_ \_n \_t s b\_r d\_r t h\_t \_s f\_r\_\_ \_f K\_r d\_s . P r\_s\_d\_n t T r\_m p c\_l l\_d f\_r \_n \_m m\_d\_\_ t\_ c\_\_ s\_f\_r\_ \_n t h\_ r\_g\_\_ n \_n d f\_r t\_l k s w\_t h t h\_ K\_r d\_s . U S V\_c\_- P r\_s\_d\_n t M\_k\_ P\_n c\_ t\_l d P r\_s\_d\_n t E r d\_g\_n : " T h\_ U S A w\_n t s T\_r k\_y t\_ s t\_p t h\_ \_n v\_s\_\_ n , \_m p l\_m\_n t \_n \_m m\_d\_\_ t\_ c\_\_ s\_f\_r\_ \_n d t\_ b\_g\_n t\_ n\_g\_t\_\_ t\_ w\_t h K\_r d\_s h f\_r c\_s \_n S y r\_\_ t\_ b\_r n g \_n \_n d t\_ t h\_ v\_\_ l\_n c\_ " .

P r\_s\_d\_n t E r d\_g\_n h\_s v\_w\_d t h\_t T\_r k\_y w\_\_ l d p r\_s s \_h\_\_ d w\_t h \_t s \_f f\_n s\_v\_ \_n n\_r t h\_r n S y r\_\_ d\_s p\_t\_ c\_l l\_s f\_r\_m \_r\_\_ n d t h\_ w\_r l d t\_ s t\_p \_t s \_n c\_r s\_\_ n . H\_ s\_\_ d : " W\_ w\_l l n\_v\_r d\_c l\_r\_ \_ c\_\_ s\_f\_r\_ . T h\_ U S A \_s p r\_s s\_r\_n g \_s t\_ s t\_p t h\_ \_p\_r t\_\_ n . I t \_s \_n n\_\_ n c\_n g s\_n c t\_\_ n s . O\_r g\_\_ l \_s c\_l\_\_ r . W\_ \_r\_ n\_t w\_r r\_\_ d \_b\_\_ t \_n y s\_n c t\_\_ n s . " H\_ w\_r t\_ \_n t h\_ W\_l l S t r\_\_ t J\_\_ r n\_l t h\_t : " T h\_ \_n t\_r n t\_\_ n\_l c\_m m\_n\_t y m\_s s\_d \_t s \_p p\_r t\_n\_t y t\_ p r\_v\_n t t h\_ S y r\_\_ n c\_r s\_s f\_r\_m p\_l l\_n g \_n \_n t\_r\_ r\_g\_\_ n \_n t\_\_ m\_\_ l\_s t\_r\_m \_f \_n s t\_b\_l\_t y . T h\_ E\_r\_p\_\_ n U n\_\_ n \_n d t h\_ w\_r l d s h\_\_ l d s\_p p\_r t w\_h\_t T\_r k\_y \_s t\_r y\_n g t\_ d\_ . " P r\_s\_d\_n t T r\_m p s\_\_ d y\_s t\_r d\_y : " I t \_s n\_t \_\_ r p\_r b l\_m . I t \_s t\_m\_ f\_r \_s t\_ g\_ h\_m\_ . "

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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us president donald trump has asked turkeys leader recep tayyip erdogan to end his countrys military actions in northern syria turkey started attacking towns in northern syria last week following the usa pulling out a group of its troops in the area soon after the us withdrawal turkey launched attacks on kurdish fighters it wants to create a buffer zone on its border that is free of kurds president trump called for an immediate ceasefire in the region and for talks with the kurds us vicepresident mike pence told president erdogan the usa wants turkey to stop the invasion implement an immediate ceasefire and to begin to negotiate with kurdish forces in syria to bring an end to the violence

president erdogan has vowed that turkey would press ahead with its offensive in northern syria despite calls from around the world to stop its incursion he said we will never declare a ceasefire the usa is pressuring us to stop the operation it is announcing sanctions our goal is clear we are not worried about any sanctions he wrote in the wall street journal that the international community missed its opportunity to prevent the syrian crisis from pulling an entire region into a maelstrom of instability the european union and the world should support what turkey is trying to do president trump said yesterday it is not our problem it is time for us to go home

## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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US President Donald Trump has asked Turkey's leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan to end his country's military actions in northern Syria. Turkey started attacking towns in northern Syria last week following the USA pulling out a group of its troops in the area. Soon after the US withdrawal, Turkey launched attacks on Kurdish fighters. It wants to create a buffer zone on its border that is free of Kurds. President Trump called for an immediate ceasefire in the region and for talks with the Kurds. US Vice-President Mike Pence told President Erdogan: "The USA wants Turkey to stop the invasion, implement an immediate ceasefire and to begin to negotiate with Kurdish forces in Syria to bring an end to the violence". President Erdogan has vowed that Turkey would press ahead with its offensive in northern Syria despite calls from around the world to stop its incursion. He said: "We will never declare a ceasefire. The USA is pressuring us to stop the operation. It is announcing sanctions. Our goal is clear. We are not worried about any sanctions." He wrote in the Wall Street Journal that: "The international community missed its opportunity to prevent the Syrian crisis from pulling an entire region into a maelstrom of instability. The European Union and the world should support what Turkey is trying to do." President Trump said yesterday: "It is not our problem. It is time for us to go home."







# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CEASEFIRES:** Make a poster about ceasefires. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TURKEY:** Write a magazine article about Turkey agreeing to a ceasefire. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on ceasefires. Ask him/her three questions about ceasefires. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. d    3. g    4. e    5. a    6. f    7. b  
8. k    9. m    10. n    11. j    12. i    13. h    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c T    d T    e F    f F    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. actions    | a. exploits      |
| 2. attacking  | b. striking      |
| 3. withdrawal | c. pullout       |
| 4. buffer     | d. cushion       |
| 5. negotiate  | e. discuss terms |
| 6. vowed      | f. promised      |
| 7. offensive  | g. assault       |
| 8. sanctions  | h. penalties     |
| 9. maelstrom  | i. chaos         |
| 10. support   | j. back          |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Northern Syria
- A group of troops
- A buffer zone
- US President Mike Pence
- Kurdish forces
- President Erdogan
- A ceasefire
- Sanctions
- Instability
- For the US to go home

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- End his country's military actions in northern Syria.
- Started attacking towns in northern Syria last week.
- After pulling out a group of its troops.
- Create a buffer zone on its border.
- Called for an immediate ceasefire in the region.
- Turkey would press ahead with its offensive.
- Despite calls from around the world to stop.
- The USA is pressuring us to stop operations.
- Missed its opportunity to prevent the Syrian crisis.
- Pulling an entire region into a maelstrom.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a    2. c    3. d    4. b    5. a    6. d    7. c    8. b    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)