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Level 1 Syria says it will destroy chemical weapons

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130921-chemical-weapons-1.html

Syria's president, Bashar al-Assad, said he will destroy Syria's chemical weapons. He said it might take one year to do this. Mr Assad said it was a difficult and expensive thing to do. He said it might cost \$1billion. He also said it was bad for the environment. He asked America to pay and to take the deadly chemicals to the U.S. America wants a plan that includes military action if Syria does not keep its promise. Russia said no to this idea.

President Assad said rebels attacked Damascus with chemical weapons last month. Russia says it has information to show this is true. America says Syria's army used the sarin gas. Assad said America was wrong. Russia says America cannot prove this. Mr Assad said sarin gas is called kitchen gas because any rebel can make it in his house. He said Syria is in a new kind of war because fighters from over 80 countries are with the rebels.

Sources: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-24155674 http://news.sky.com/story/1143623/assad-to-destroy-chemical-weapons-in-a-year http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2013/09/19/Syria-s-chemical-weapons-disposalwill-cost-1-bln-Assad-says-.html

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	he will destroy Syria's	a.	\$1billion
2	it might take one year	b.	thing to do
3.	a difficult and expensive	c.	to the U.S.
4.	He said it might cost	d.	to pay
5.	He also said it was bad	e.	chemical weapons
6.	He asked America	f.	its promise
7.	take the deadly chemicals	g.	to do this
8.	military action if Syria does not keep	h.	for the environment

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	President Assad said rebels	a.	this is true
2	it has information to show	b.	prove this
3.	America says Syria's army used	c.	attacked Damascus
4.	Assad said America	d.	it in his house
5.	America cannot	e.	was wrong
6.	sarin gas is called	f.	are with the rebels
7.	any rebel can make	g.	the sarin gas
8.	fighters from over 80 countries	h.	kitchen gas

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Syria's president, Bashar al-Assad, (1) Syria's chemical weapons. He said (2) _____ year to do this. Mr Assad (3) ______ difficult and expensive thing to do. He said (4) \$1billion. He also said it was bad for the environment. He asked America (5) ______ take the deadly chemicals to the U.S. America wants a plan that includes military action if Syria does not (6) ______. Russia said no to this idea. President Assad (7) _____ Damascus with chemical (8) _____. Russia says it has information to (9) ______. America says Syria's army used the sarin gas. Assad said America was wrong. Russia says America (10) ______. Mr Assad said sarin gas is called kitchen gas because (11) _____ make it in his house. He said Svria is in (12) ______ war because fighters from over 80

countries are with the rebels.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

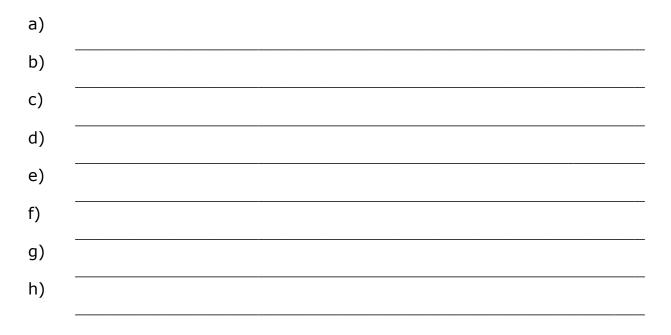
Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)		
b)		
c)		
d)		
e)		
f)		
g)		
h)		

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



WRITING

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Write about **chemical weapons** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
