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Level 4

Tensions escalate in Ukraine

2nd March, 2014

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine-4.html>

Tensions are rising in Ukraine after president Viktor Yanukovich left the country. Thousands of protestors fought bloody battles in the capital, Kiev for weeks. They wanted Mr Yanukovich's resignation. Many people were shot dead by riot police. The protestors also wanted economic reforms and closer ties with the European Union. Most people in east Ukraine voted for Mr Yanukovich and lean more towards Russia than the EU. There was little violence there.

The USA said Mr Yanukovich is no longer Ukraine's president. It warned Russia to stay out of Ukrainian affairs, saying: "We strongly support Ukraine's territorial integrity." Fears are that Ukraine could break in two. Pro-Russian separatists are active in the region of Crimea. Gunmen in Russian uniforms were guarding Crimea's main airport. Russia sent 150,000 troops to the Ukrainian border. This made Ukraine warn Russia against "military aggression".

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/ukraine/10666557/Keep-out-of-Ukraine-America-tells-Russia.html>
<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/ukraine-warns-russia-as-tensions-build/495390.html>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. protestors fought bloody | a. police |
| 2 riot | b. Russia than the EU |
| 3. economic | c. battles |
| 4. closer ties | d. violence there |
| 5. lean more towards | e. reforms |
| 6. There was little | f. with the European Union |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. It warned Russia to stay | a. warn Russia |
| 2 Ukraine's territorial | b. out of Ukrainian affairs |
| 3. Pro-Russian | c. aggression |
| 4. Gunmen in | d. integrity |
| 5. This made Ukraine | e. Russian uniforms |
| 6. military | f. separatists |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tensions are rising in Ukraine after president Viktor Yanukovich left the country. Thousands of protestors (1) _____ in the capital, Kiev for weeks. They wanted Mr Yanukovich's resignation. Many people were shot (2) _____. The protestors also wanted economic reforms (3) _____ the European Union. (4) _____ Ukraine voted for Mr Yanukovich and (5) _____ Russia than the EU. There (6) _____.

The USA said Mr Yanukovich (7) _____ president. It warned Russia (8) _____ Ukrainian affairs, saying: "We strongly support Ukraine's (9) _____." Fears are that Ukraine could break in two. Pro-Russian (10) _____ in the region of Crimea. Gunmen in Russian (11) _____ Crimea's main airport. Russia sent 150,000 troops to the Ukrainian border. This made Ukraine warn Russia (12) _____.

UKRAINE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Ukraine 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

