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## **Level 5**

# **Tensions escalate in Ukraine**

**2nd March, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine-5.html>

Tensions are increasing in Ukraine after the president Viktor Yanukovich fled the country. Mr Yanukovich left by helicopter in the middle of the night after weeks of street protests calling for his resignation. Thousands of protestors fought bloody battles in the capital, Kiev. Scores of people died, many shot by riot police. The protestors wanted economic reforms and closer ties with the European Union. The east of the country did not see such levels of violence. Most people there voted for Yanukovich and lean more towards Russia than the EU.

The USA said it no longer considers Mr Yanukovich to be Ukraine's president. It warned Russia not to get involved in Ukrainian affairs, saying: "We strongly support Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty." Fears are that Ukraine could break in two. Pro-Russian separatists are becoming more active, especially in the region of Crimea. Armed gunmen in Russian uniforms were guarding Crimea's main airport on Friday. Ukraine's acting president warned Russia against "military aggression" after Russia sent 150,000 troops to the Ukrainian border.

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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. fled the          | a. of violence             |
| 2. street            | b. of the country          |
| 3. riot              | c. voted                   |
| 4. closer ties       | d. protests                |
| 5. The east          | e. Russia than the EU      |
| 6. see such levels   | f. police                  |
| 7. Most people there | g. country                 |
| 8. lean more towards | h. with the European Union |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. get                             | a. aggression          |
| 2. Ukrainian                       | b. separatists         |
| 3. Ukraine's territorial integrity | c. border              |
| 4. Pro-Russian                     | d. involved            |
| 5. Armed gunmen                    | e. troops              |
| 6. military                        | f. affairs             |
| 7. 150,000                         | g. in Russian uniforms |
| 8. the Ukrainian                   | h. and sovereignty     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine-5.html>

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The USA said it (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Yanukovych to be Ukraine's president. It warned Russia (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in Ukrainian affairs, saying: "We strongly support Ukraine's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ sovereignty." Fears are that Ukraine (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Pro-Russian separatists are becoming more active, especially in the region of Crimea. Armed gunmen in Russian (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Crimea's main airport on Friday. Ukraine's acting president warned Russia against "(12) \_\_\_\_\_ " after Russia sent 150,000 troops to the Ukrainian border.

# UKRAINE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine-5.html>

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)

