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FBI boss thought his firing was a joke

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THE READING

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President Trump has fired the boss of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), James Comey. It is the second time in US history an FBI boss has been fired. Mr Comey thought the news of his firing was a prank and he didn't believe it. He was talking to FBI agents in a field office in Los Angeles when he saw a news program reporting on President Trump firing him. FBI staff then confirmed to him that he had been fired. The White House delivered a letter to Mr Comey about his firing, but Comey was not in his office in Washington to receive it.

The sacking is a huge political story in the USA. Many newspapers are saying Mr Comey was fired because he was investigating President Trump's alleged links to Russia. Journalists are saying the White House is covering up a scandal concerning President Trump and Russia. The White House denied this. Officials said that Comey was sacked because of his mishandling of investigations into Hillary Clinton's e-mails. They said this meant he couldn't effectively lead the FBI. President Trump said it was time for a "new beginning" at the FBI – the USA's "crown jewel of law enforcement".

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/shocked-fbi-boss-james-comey-thought-his-firing-was-a-prank-10870875>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Federal Bureau | a. fired |
| 2. It is the second time | b. of Investigation |
| 3. he didn't | c. a letter |
| 4. He was talking to FBI | d. believe it |
| 5. he saw a news | e. his office |
| 6. confirmed to him that he had been | f. in US history |
| 7. The White House delivered | g. program |
| 8. Comey was not in | h. agents |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The sacking is a huge | a. beginning |
| 2. Trump's alleged | b. the FBI |
| 3. covering up | c. jewel |
| 4. his mishandling | d. enforcement |
| 5. he couldn't effectively lead | e. of investigations |
| 6. time for a new | f. links to Russia |
| 7. crown | g. a scandal |
| 8. law | h. political story |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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President Trump has (1) _____ the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), James Comey. It is the (2) _____ US history an FBI boss has been fired. Mr Comey thought (3) _____ firing was a prank and he didn't believe it. He was talking to FBI agents (4) _____ Los Angeles when he saw a news program reporting on President Trump firing him. FBI staff then confirmed (5) _____ had been fired. The White House delivered a letter to Mr Comey about his firing, but Comey was not in his office in Washington (6) _____.

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE FBI SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the FBI 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) _____

