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## **Level 4**

### **Debate over US military transgender policy**

**29th July, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170729-transgender-4.html>

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170729-transgender-4.html>

Donald Trump wants to ban transgender people from serving in the USA military. However, bosses at the Pentagon said there will be "no modifications" to its policy of allowing transgender people to serve until it gets notification. The Pentagon said: "We will continue to treat all of our personnel with respect." It added: "There will be no modifications to the current policy until...the secretary has issued implementation guidance."

President Trump tweeted that: "The United States Government will not accept or allow transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military. Our military must be focused on decisive and overwhelming victory and cannot be burdened with the tremendous medical costs and disruption that transgender in the military would entail." A Republican said: "Any American who meets current medical and readiness standards should...continue serving."

Sources: <http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/07/27/539760575/joint-chiefs-chairman-says-transgender-policy-wont-change-yet>  
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-07-27/pentagon-pushes-back-on-trump-bid-to-change-transgender-policy>  
<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/07/26/politics/trump-military-transgender/index.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--|------------------------|
| 1. ban transgender people from serving | a. be no modifications |
| 2. bosses at the                       | b. gets notification   |
| 3. its policy of allowing              | c. guidance            |
| 4. serve until it                      | d. Pentagon            |
| 5. We will                             | e. with respect        |
| 6. treat all of our personnel          | f. in the USA military |
| 7. There will                          | g. continue            |
| 8. issued implementation               | h. transgender people  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. not accept or allow transgender    | a. military would entail |
| 2. serve                              | b. individuals           |
| 3. overwhelming                       | c. serving               |
| 4. cannot be                          | d. in any capacity       |
| 5. tremendous medical                 | e. readiness standards   |
| 6. disruption that transgender in the | f. victory               |
| 7. meets current medical and          | g. costs                 |
| 8. should continue                    | h. burdened              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TRANSGENDER SOLDIERS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170729-transgender-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about transgender soldiers 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170729-transgender-4.html>

Write about **transgender soldiers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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