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UK ambassador to US says White House is inept

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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UK-US relations have soured after the leak of diplomatic e-mails from the UK ambassador. The leaked mails were published in a British newspaper. They had very negative and critical comments about President Trump's White House. The ambassador wrote: "We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less faction riven; less diplomatically clumsy and inept." He also said Mr Trump's policy on Iran was "incoherent" and "chaotic". A British official called the leak an act of "unforgivable treachery".

The USA and the UK describe their friendship as a "special relationship". The UK needs this friendship as well as a trade deal with the USA after it leaves the European Union. The UK's Prime Minister Theresa May has "full faith" in Sir Kim as ambassador but did not agree with his comments. Her spokesman said the leak was "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump retaliated and said Sir Kim "has not served the UK well." He tweeted: "I do not know the Ambassador, but he is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no longer deal with him."

Sources: <https://www.aol.com/article/news/2019/07/07/uks-ambassador-to-the-us-criticizes-trump-in-leaked-memos/23765073/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. UK-US relations have | a. published |
| 2. the leak of | b. Iran was incoherent |
| 3. The leaked mails were | c. riven |
| 4. very negative and critical | d. treachery |
| 5. less faction | e. soured |
| 6. less diplomatically clumsy | f. comments |
| 7. Mr Trump's policy on | g. and inept |
| 8. an act of unforgivable | h. diplomatic e-mails |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1. special | a. thought of |
| 2. a trade | b. his comments |
| 3. Theresa May has full | c. deal with him |
| 4. agree with | d. deal |
| 5. absolutely | e. faith |
| 6. Sir Kim has not served | f. unacceptable |
| 7. not liked or well | g. relationship |
| 8. We will no longer | h. the UK well |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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UK-US relations (1) _____ the leak of diplomatic e-mails from the UK ambassador. The leaked mails (2) _____ a British newspaper. They had very negative (3) _____ about President Trump's White House. The ambassador wrote: "We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; (4) _____; less diplomatically (5) _____." He also said Mr Trump's policy on Iran was "incoherent" and "chaotic". A British official called the leak (6) _____ "unforgivable treachery".

The USA and the UK (7) _____ as a "special relationship". The UK needs this friendship as well as (8) _____ with the USA after it leaves the European Union. The UK's Prime Minister Theresa May (9) _____ in Sir Kim as ambassador but did not agree with his comments. Her spokesman said the (10) _____ unacceptable". Donald Trump retaliated and said Sir Kim "has (11) _____ UK well." He tweeted: "I do not know the Ambassador, but he is not liked or well (12) _____ the US. We will no longer deal with him."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about international relations 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) _____

