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**Level 4 – 10th August, 2021**

## **Cuba allows people to own private businesses**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210810-cuba-business-4.html>

People in Cuba can now legally own businesses. Most companies in Cuba have been state-owned since the 1959 revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power. He nationalised industries and put them into state hands. Now business people can operate businesses with 100 workers. The government's change of heart came after street protests against worsening economic conditions. People also protested about food shortages and the coronavirus pandemic.

Cuba's president will do more to help the economy. Cuba gets revenues and foreign currency from tourism and the production of sugar. The coronavirus pandemic and poor harvests have reduced revenues. This means it has become difficult for Cuba to import food and medicine. An expert on Cuba said many entrepreneurs have spent years working and trying hard to contribute to Cuba's economic well-being.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. People in Cuba can now legally | a. conditions          |
| 2. state-owned since              | b. power               |
| 3. brought Fidel Castro to        | c. hands               |
| 4. nationalised                   | d. 100 workers         |
| 5. put them into state            | e. the 1959 revolution |
| 6. operate businesses with        | f. of heart            |
| 7. The government's change        | g. industries          |
| 8. worsening economic             | h. own businesses      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. do more to help       | a. harvests    |
| 2. foreign               | b. being       |
| 3. the production of     | c. import food |
| 4. poor                  | d. sugar       |
| 5. reduced               | e. the economy |
| 6. difficult for Cuba to | f. on Cuba     |
| 7. An expert             | g. currency    |
| 8. economic well-        | h. revenues    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People in Cuba can (1) \_\_\_\_\_ businesses. Most companies in Cuba have been state-owned since (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that brought Fidel Castro to power. He nationalised industries and put them (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Now business people can operate businesses (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The government's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ came after street protests against worsening economic conditions. People also protested (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and the coronavirus pandemic.

Cuba's president will do (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the economy. Cuba gets revenues and foreign (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and the production of sugar. The coronavirus pandemic (9) \_\_\_\_\_ have reduced revenues. This means it (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for Cuba to import food and medicine. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Cuba said many entrepreneurs have spent years working and trying hard to contribute to Cuba's (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CUBA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210810-cuba-business-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Cuba 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) \_\_\_\_\_

