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Level 1 – 1st October 2026

European Union warns of energy price crisis

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The EU is worried about rising energy prices. The EU's Energy Commissioner said: "We are facing a price crisis." He said using less energy could help lower fuel prices. He added that supplies are limited. Gas storage in Europe is only 68 per cent full. The EU said that any actions to control energy prices should be "well targeted" and "temporary". It wants EU countries to use less energy until things get better.

In particular, Europe is worried about diesel prices. Diesel is used for farming, shipping, and other industries. Higher diesel prices increase food prices. The EU gets about 50 per cent of its diesel from the USA. Recently, President Donald Trump talked about banning diesel exports from the USA. The EU wants European countries to produce more clean energy so that they need less energy from non-EU countries.

Sources: <https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-commission-calls-for-gas-electricity-demand-cuts/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The EU is worried about rising | a. prices |
| 2. We are facing a price | b. Europe |
| 3. using less energy could | c. crisis |
| 4. supplies are | d. things get better |
| 5. gas storage in | e. limited |
| 6. only 68 per cent | f. energy prices |
| 7. any actions to control energy | g. full |
| 8. use less energy until | h. help lower fuel prices |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Diesel is used | a. industries |
| 2. shipping and other | b. EU countries |
| 3. higher diesel prices increase | c. diesel from the USA |
| 4. The EU gets about 50% of its | d. for farming |
| 5. Trump talked about banning diesel | e. need less energy |
| 6. produce more clean | f. food prices |
| 7. they | g. exports |
| 8. from non- | h. energy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The EU (1) _____ rising energy prices. The EU's Energy Commissioner said: "We (2) _____ price crisis." He said using less energy could help (3) _____. He added that supplies are limited. Gas (4) _____ is only 68 per cent full. The EU said that (5) _____ control energy prices should be "well targeted" and "temporary". It wants EU countries to use less energy until (6) _____.

In particular, Europe (7) _____ diesel prices. Diesel is (8) _____, shipping, and other industries. Higher diesel prices (9) _____. The EU gets about 50 per cent of its diesel from the USA. Recently, President Donald Trump (10) _____ diesel exports from the USA. The EU wants European countries to (11) _____ energy so that they (12) _____ from non-EU countries.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ENERGY PRICES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261001-energy-price-crisis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about energy prices 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

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Write about **energy prices** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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