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Level 2 – 1st October 2026

European Union warns of energy price crisis

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Please try Levels 0, 1 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. It wants countries to use less gas and electricity to help control prices. The EU's Energy Commissioner said: "We are facing a price crisis linked to a supply crisis." He said using less energy could help keep fuel prices down. He added that supplies are limited. He pointed out that gas storage in Europe is only 68 per cent full. The EU said that any action to control energy prices should be "well targeted" and "temporary". It thinks European countries should use less energy until the situation gets better.

In particular, Europe is worried about diesel prices. Diesel is used for farming, construction, shipping, and other industries. Higher diesel prices increase the cost of our food. The EU imports around 50 per cent of its diesel from the USA. The EU is worried it might not be able to import enough diesel from the USA. Recently, President Donald Trump talked about banning diesel exports from the USA. He said that he was thinking about a ban "very seriously". EU leaders want European countries to produce more clean energy so that they can rely less on imported energy.

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 | a. better |
| 2. use less gas | b. price crisis |
| 3. We are facing a | c. down |
| 4. using less | d. be well targeted |
| 5. help keep fuel prices | e. rising energy prices |
| 6. action to control energy prices should | f. use less energy |
| 7. countries should | g. and electricity |
| 8. until the situation gets | h. energy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. diesel is used | a. other industries |
| 2. construction, shipping, and | b. food |
| 3. higher diesel | c. on imported energy |
| 4. increase the cost of our | d. import enough |
| 5. the EU imports around | e. for farming |
| 6. it might not be able to | f. ban |
| 7. he was thinking about a | g. prices |
| 8. they can rely less | h. 50% of its diesel |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The EU is (1) _____ energy prices. It wants countries to use less gas and electricity to (2) _____. The EU's Energy Commissioner said: "We are facing a price crisis (3) _____ supply crisis." He said using less energy could help keep fuel prices down. He added that (4) _____. He pointed out that gas storage in Europe is only 68 per cent full. The EU said that any (5) _____ energy prices should be "well targeted" and "temporary". It thinks European countries should use less energy until the (6) _____.

In particular, Europe is worried about diesel prices. Diesel is used for farming, construction, shipping, (7) _____. Higher diesel prices increase (8) _____ our food. The EU imports around 50 per cent of its diesel from the USA. The EU is worried it might not be (9) _____ enough diesel from the USA. Recently, President Donald Trump talked about banning diesel (10) _____ USA. He said that he was thinking about a (11) _____. EU leaders want European countries to produce more clean energy so that they can (12) _____ imported energy.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ENERGY PRICES SURVEY

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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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