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## **Level 1**

### **Syria says it will destroy chemical weapons**

**21st September, 2013**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130921-chemical-weapons-1.html>

Syria's president, Bashar al-Assad, said he will destroy Syria's chemical weapons. He said it might take one year to do this. Mr Assad said it was a difficult and expensive thing to do. He said it might cost \$1billion. He also said it was bad for the environment. He asked America to pay and to take the deadly chemicals to the U.S. America wants a plan that includes military action if Syria does not keep its promise. Russia said no to this idea.

President Assad said rebels attacked Damascus with chemical weapons last month. Russia says it has information to show this is true. America says Syria's army used the sarin gas. Assad said America was wrong. Russia says America cannot prove this. Mr Assad said sarin gas is called kitchen gas because any rebel can make it in his house. He said Syria is in a new kind of war because fighters from over 80 countries are with the rebels.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-24155674>  
<http://news.sky.com/story/1143623/assad-to-destroy-chemical-weapons-in-a-year>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. he will destroy Syria's                | a. \$1billion          |
| 2. it might take one year                 | b. thing to do         |
| 3. a difficult and expensive              | c. to the U.S.         |
| 4. He said it might cost                  | d. to pay              |
| 5. He also said it was bad                | e. chemical weapons    |
| 6. He asked America                       | f. its promise         |
| 7. take the deadly chemicals              | g. to do this          |
| 8. military action if Syria does not keep | h. for the environment |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. President Assad said rebels     | a. this is true        |
| 2. it has information to show      | b. prove this          |
| 3. America says Syria's army used  | c. attacked Damascus   |
| 4. Assad said America              | d. it in his house     |
| 5. America cannot                  | e. was wrong           |
| 6. sarin gas is called             | f. are with the rebels |
| 7. any rebel can make              | g. the sarin gas       |
| 8. fighters from over 80 countries | h. kitchen gas         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Syria's president, Bashar al-Assad, (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Syria's chemical weapons. He said (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
year to do this. Mr Assad (3) \_\_\_\_\_ difficult and  
expensive thing to do. He said (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$1billion. He also said it was bad for the environment. He asked  
America (5) \_\_\_\_\_ take the deadly chemicals to  
the U.S. America wants a plan that includes military action if  
Syria does not (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Russia said no to this  
idea.

President Assad (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Damascus with  
chemical (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Russia says it has  
information to (9) \_\_\_\_\_. America says Syria's  
army used the sarin gas. Assad said America was wrong. Russia  
says America (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Assad said sarin  
gas is called kitchen gas because (11) \_\_\_\_\_  
make it in his house. He said Syria is in  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ war because fighters from over 80  
countries are with the rebels.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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