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Level 4

Donald Trump under fire for not paying tax

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

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THE READING

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Donald Trump is in trouble again about his tax. The New York Times said his 1995 tax returns show a \$916-million business loss. This means he avoided nearly a billion dollars in income tax over 19 years. Despite this, Mr Trump constantly criticizes the tax system for being unfair. The Times said the system is rigged, "in the favor of people like him, and against regular people...who earn money, pay income tax on it, and financially support the country."

Mr Trump has spent years attacking people for not paying enough tax, including President Obama. Trump's supporters say he has done nothing illegal. One called him a "genius" for not paying tax and likened him to Britain's WWII leader Winston Churchill. Mr Trump said he knew USA tax laws better than anyone who had ever run for president and was the only one who could fix them." He told Hillary Clinton that he was "smart" for not paying taxes.

Sources: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/10/02/the-most-shocking-part-of-donald-trumps-tax-records-isnt-the-916-million-loss-everyones-talking-about/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Donald Trump is in trouble | a. return |
| 2. tax | b. criticizes the tax system |
| 3. business | c. in income tax |
| 4. he avoided nearly a billion dollars | d. earn money |
| 5. Trump constantly | e. loss |
| 6. the system is | f. the country |
| 7. regular people who | g. again |
| 8. financially support | h. rigged |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Trump has spent years attacking | a. fix them |
| 2. not paying enough | b. run for president |
| 3. he has done nothing | c. tax |
| 4. One called him | d. paying taxes |
| 5. likened him | e. a "genius" |
| 6. better than anyone who had ever | f. people |
| 7. the only one who could | g. to Britain's WWII leader |
| 8. he was "smart" for not | h. illegal |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Donald Trump (1) _____ again about his tax. The New York Times said his 1995 (2) _____ a \$916-million business loss. This means he avoided nearly a billion dollars (3) _____ over 19 years. Despite this, Mr Trump constantly criticizes the tax system (4) _____. The Times said the system is rigged, "in the favor of people like him, and against (5) _____ ...who earn money, pay income tax on it, and (6) _____ the country."

Mr Trump (7) _____ attacking people for not paying enough tax, including President Obama. Trump's supporters (8) _____ nothing illegal. One called him a "genius" for not paying tax (9) _____ to Britain's WWII leader Winston Churchill. Mr Trump said he knew USA (10) _____ than anyone who (11) _____ president and was the only one who could fix them." He told Hillary Clinton that (12) _____ not paying taxes.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DONALD TRUMP SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Donald Trump 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 **Donald Trump** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
