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USA and Russia in election hacking tit-for-tat

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THE READING

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There is a new crisis between the USA and Russia. It started with the U.S. presidential election in November. Hillary Clinton's team said Russia interfered in the election. U.S. officials claimed that Russian hackers stole e-mails from the servers of Ms Clinton's party and put them on the Wikileaks website. The officials said Vladimir Putin wanted American voters to vote for Donald Trump. President Barack Obama promised to take action over the allegations. He has expelled 35 Russian diplomats from Washington. He also shut down two Russian intelligence compounds.

Russia has responded angrily to the expulsions. It has denied any hacking. It called the U.S. actions "ungrounded". Moscow has promised an "appropriate response" and "counter-measures". Any tit-for-tat measures may be less severe due to Mr Trump becoming President on January 20th. A Russian spokesman said: "These decisions were taken by President Obama, but Trump will become the head of state in three weeks' time. Of course, this factor will certainly be taken into account." Mr Trump wants to put US-Russian relations on a better footing. He has good relations with Mr Putin.

Sources: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/12/29/after-obama-sanctions-russia-trump-says-its-time-to-move-on-to-bigger-and-better-things>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a new crisis between | a. from the servers |
| 2. It started with the U.S. | b. team |
| 3. Hillary Clinton's | c. compounds |
| 4. interfered in the | d. presidential election |
| 5. hackers stole e-mails | e. diplomats |
| 6. Obama promised to take action over | f. election |
| 7. He has expelled 35 Russian | g. the allegations |
| 8. shut down two Russian intelligence | h. the USA and Russia |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Russia has responded | a. severe |
| 2. It has denied | b. into account |
| 3. It called the U.S. actions | c. any hacking |
| 4. Moscow has promised an | d. footing |
| 5. tit-for-tat measures may be less | e. angrily |
| 6. Trump will become the head | f. "ungrounded" |
| 7. this factor will certainly be taken | g. "appropriate response" |
| 8. put US-Russian relations on a better | h. of state |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) _____ between the USA and Russia. It started with the U.S. (2) _____ in November. Hillary Clinton's team said Russia (3) _____ election. U.S. officials claimed that Russian hackers stole e-mails from the servers of Ms Clinton's party and put them on the Wikileaks website. (4) _____ Vladimir Putin wanted American voters to vote for Donald Trump. President Barack Obama promised to (5) _____ the allegations. He has expelled 35 Russian diplomats from Washington. He also shut down two Russian (6) _____.

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HACKING SURVEY

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