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The USA and Israel quit UNESCO

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco-1.html>

The USA and Israel quit the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The two countries pulled out on New Year's Eve. It is the second time the U.S. has pulled out of UNESCO. It quit in 1984 for seven years over relations with the Soviet Union. The USA and Israel say UNESCO is biased against Israel. The USA said: "UNESCO is among the most corrupt and politically biased UN agencies."

The U.S. co-founded UNESCO after World War II to build peace. It is famous for its World Heritage program. This protects cultural sites and traditions. It improves education for girls, promotes understanding of the Holocaust, and defends the press. The U.S. will follow UNESCO as a non-member state. Israel said it, "will not be a member of an organization whose goal is to deliberately act against us".

Sources: <https://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/wireStory/us-israel-exit-cultural-agency-claiming-bias-60103564>
<https://nypost.com/2019/01/01/us-and-israel-officially-leave-un-cultural-agency-claiming-bias/>
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/us-israel-official-quit-un-agency-unesco-claiming-anti-israeli-bias>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The two countries pulled | a. the Soviet Union |
| 2. on New Year's | b. corrupt |
| 3. It is the second time the | c. Eve |
| 4. It quit | d. UN agencies |
| 5. relations with | e. U.S. has pulled out |
| 6. UNESCO is biased | f. in 1984 |
| 7. UNESCO is among the most | g. out |
| 8. politically biased | h. against Israel |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. famous for its World | a. an organization |
| 2. This protects cultural sites | b. of the Holocaust |
| 3. It improves education | c. member state |
| 4. promotes understanding | d. against us |
| 5. defends | e. and traditions |
| 6. follow UNESCO as a non- | f. for girls |
| 7. a member of | g. Heritage program |
| 8. deliberately act | h. the press |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The USA and (1) _____ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The two countries (2) _____ New Year's Eve. It is the second time the U.S. has pulled out of UNESCO. (3) _____ 1984 for seven years (4) _____ the Soviet Union. The USA and Israel say UNESCO is biased against Israel. The USA said: "UNESCO is (5) _____ corrupt and politically (6) _____."

The U.S. co-founded UNESCO (7) _____ II to build peace. It is (8) _____ World Heritage program. This protects cultural (9) _____. It improves education for girls, promotes understanding of the Holocaust, and (10) _____. The U.S. will follow UNESCO as a non-member state. Israel said it, "will not (11) _____ of an organization whose goal is to deliberately (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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UNESCO SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about UNESCO 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) _____

