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Level 5 – 18th October, 2019

Turkey rejects calls for ceasefire in Syria

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Donald Trump has asked Turkey's leader Recep Erdogan to end military actions in Syria. Turkey started attacking towns in northern Syria last week after the USA pulled out a group of its troops. Turkey launched attacks on Kurdish fighters to create a buffer zone on its border. Mr Trump called for an immediate ceasefire and for talks with the Kurds. US Vice-President told President Erdogan: "The USA wants Turkey to stop the invasion, implement an immediate ceasefire and to begin to negotiate with Kurdish forces in Syria to bring an end to the violence".

President Erdogan said Turkey would go ahead with its offensive in Syria, despite calls from around the world to stop. He said: "We will never declare a ceasefire. The USA is pressuring us to stop the operation. It is announcing sanctions. Our goal is clear. We are not worried about any sanctions." He added: "The international community missed its opportunity to prevent the Syrian crisis from pulling an entire region into a maelstrom of instability." He said the European Union and the world should support Turkey. Mr Trump said: "It is not our problem. It is time for us to go home."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. end military | a. with Kurdish forces |
| 2. attacking towns | b. zone on its border |
| 3. a group | c. to the violence |
| 4. create a buffer | d. in northern Syria |
| 5. The USA wants Turkey | e. ceasefire |
| 6. implement an immediate | f. actions in Syria |
| 7. negotiate | g. to stop the invasion |
| 8. bring an end | h. of its troops |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Turkey would go ahead | a. ceasefire |
| 2. despite calls from around | b. sanctions |
| 3. We will never declare a | c. us to go home |
| 4. It is announcing | d. instability |
| 5. The international community | e. region |
| 6. an entire | f. with its offensive |
| 7. a maelstrom of | g. missed its opportunity |
| 8. It is time for | h. the world to stop |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Donald Trump has asked Turkey's leader Recep Erdogan (1) _____ actions in Syria. Turkey started attacking towns in northern Syria last week after the USA pulled (2) _____ of its troops. Turkey launched attacks on Kurdish fighters to (3) _____ zone on its border. Mr Trump called for an immediate (4) _____ talks with the Kurds. US Vice-President told President Erdogan: "The USA wants Turkey to stop the invasion, implement an immediate ceasefire and to (5) _____ with Kurdish forces in Syria to bring an end (6) _____".

President Erdogan said Turkey (7) _____ with its offensive in Syria, (8) _____ around the world to stop. He said: "We will never declare a ceasefire. The USA (9) _____ to stop the operation. It is announcing sanctions. Our (10) _____. We are not worried about any sanctions." He added: "The international community missed its (11) _____ the Syrian crisis from pulling an entire region into (12) _____ instability." He said the European Union and the world should support Turkey. Mr Trump said: "It is not our problem. It is time for us to go home."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CEASEFIRES SURVEY

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