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**Level 1 – 24th February, 2022**

## Germany closes gas pipeline amid Ukraine crisis

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis-1.html>

Germany has closed a pipeline made to transport gas from Russia to Europe. This is because President Vladimir Putin said two regions in eastern Ukraine were independent countries. He said the Donetsk and the Lugansk People's Republics were separate nations. Germany's leader said: "We must reassess the situation." He warned that Europe faced difficulties, and that, "80 years after the end of the Second World War, we might see a new war in...Europe".

The gas pipeline is under the Baltic Sea. Closing it is one of the sanctions Western nations have made against Russia. The U.K. announced sanctions after Mr Putin said troops could enter eastern Ukraine. The U.K. will take actions against Russian banks and billionaires. The USA said it would announce sanctions soon. Russia said it was not planning to invade Ukraine. It said: "If there is a threat, then we will provide assistance."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Germany has               | a. reassess the situation |
| 2. transport gas             | b. Second World War       |
| 3. two regions               | c. closed a pipeline      |
| 4. independent               | d. from Russia to Europe  |
| 5. We must                   | e. the war in Europe      |
| 6. He warned that Europe     | f. countries              |
| 7. 80 years after the end of | g. faced difficulties     |
| 8. we might see a new        | h. in eastern Ukraine     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The gas pipeline is under          | a. invade           |
| 2. one of the                         | b. eastern Ukraine  |
| 3. troops could enter                 | c. assistance       |
| 4. take actions against Russian banks | d. soon             |
| 5. it would announce sanctions        | e. the Baltic Sea   |
| 6. Russia said it was not planning to | f. threat           |
| 7. If there is a                      | g. sanctions        |
| 8. we will provide                    | h. and billionaires |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis-1.html>

Germany (1) \_\_\_\_\_ pipeline made to transport gas from Russia to Europe. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ President Vladimir Putin said (3) \_\_\_\_\_ eastern Ukraine were independent countries. He said the Donetsk and the Lugansk People's Republics (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Germany's leader said: "We (5) \_\_\_\_\_ situation." He warned that Europe faced difficulties, and that, "80 years after the end of the Second World War, we might (6) \_\_\_\_\_ war in...Europe".

The gas pipeline (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Baltic Sea. Closing it is one of the sanctions Western nations (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Russia. The U.K. announced sanctions after Mr Putin said troops (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Ukraine. The U.K. will take actions against Russian (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The USA said it would announce sanctions soon. Russia (11) \_\_\_\_\_ not planning to invade Ukraine. It said: "If there (12) \_\_\_\_\_, then we will provide assistance."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE UKRAINE CRISIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Ukraine Crisis 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) \_\_\_\_\_

