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**Level 4 – 3rd February 2025**

## **Mexico opposes renaming of the Gulf of Mexico**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250203-gulf-of-mexico-4.html>

US President Donald Trump wants the Gulf of Mexico to be called the Gulf of America. President Trump said: "America will reclaim its rightful place as the greatest, most powerful, most respected nation on Earth." He added: "We are going to be changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America." The U.S. government said it "is proud to announce the implementation of name restorations that honor the legacy of American greatness".

The USA can use "Gulf of America" on official US maps. However, no international organization can mandate the global acceptance of name changes. Mexico's president has opposed the name change. She said the name "Gulf of Mexico" has existed for four centuries. She joked that if there were to be name changes, the USA should be called "Mexican America," as on a map from 1607. The UN says a country's territory only extends 19 km from its coastline.

Sources: <https://theconversation.com/can-trump-just-order-new-names-for-denali-and-the-gulf-of-mexico-a-geographer-explains-who-decides-what-goes-on-the-map-248112>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. called         | a. eminence      |
| 2. reclaim        | b. esteemed      |
| 3. rightful       | c. reinstatement |
| 4. respected      | d. get back      |
| 5. implementation | e. effect        |
| 6. restoration    | f. carrying out  |
| 7. legacy         | g. named         |
| 8. greatness      | h. proper        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. official   | a. disagreed     |
| 2. mandate    | b. stretches out |
| 3. acceptance | c. authorize     |
| 4. opposed    | d. quipped       |
| 5. existed    | e. approved      |
| 6. joked      | f. chart         |
| 7. map        | g. prevailed     |
| 8. extends    | h. approval      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Gulf of America. President Trump

said: "America will (2) \_\_\_\_\_ place as the greatest,

most powerful, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ on Earth." He added:

"We are going to be (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gulf of

Mexico to the Gulf of America." The U.S. government said it "is

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ the implementation of name restorations

that honor (6) \_\_\_\_\_ American greatness".

The USA can use "Gulf of America" (7) \_\_\_\_\_

maps. However, no international organization can

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ acceptance of name changes. Mexico's

president (9) \_\_\_\_\_ name change. She said the

name "Gulf of Mexico" has (10) \_\_\_\_\_ centuries.

She joked that if there were to be name changes, the USA should be called

"Mexican America," (11) \_\_\_\_\_ map from 1607.

The UN says a country's (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 19 km from its

coastline.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MEXICO SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250203-gulf-of-mexico-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Mexico 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) \_\_\_\_\_

