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Donald Trump may reopen Alcatraz as a prison

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

US President Donald Trump says he wants to reopen the famous prison Alcatraz. The prison is on a rocky island in San Francisco Bay. The jail was in use between 1934 and 1963. It was used to house high-profile prisoners. These included the gangsters Al Capone and George "Machine Gun" Kelly. Officially, no one ever escaped alive from the prison. In 1973, Alcatraz opened to the public and became a tourist attraction. President Trump wants the island to return to housing dangerous criminals. Trump said: "Alcatraz represents something very strong, very powerful." He wants it to be a symbol of law and order. He added: "America has been plagued by vicious, violent, and repeat criminal offenders."

The USA's head of border control, Tom Homan, liked the idea of reopening Alcatraz as a prison. He said it could be "an option for significant public safety threats and national security threats". However, some people think Alcatraz should not become a prison again. Hugh Hurwitz, a former acting director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, disagreed with the idea. He told the BBC: "It's not realistic to think you can repair it. You'd have to tear it up and start over." He said the island needed too many repairs and that some buildings are "literally falling apart". He pointed out some problems. He said: "There are no security upgrades. No cameras. No fencing. You can't run a prison [like that]."

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WARM-UPS

1. PRISON: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about prison. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Alcatraz / island / prisoners / prison / gangsters / tourist attraction / symbol / law / border control / safety threat / repairs / buildings / security / cameras / fencing

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SOLITARY CONFINEMENT: Students A **strongly** believe solitary confinement is the best punishment for criminals; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CRIMES: How serious are the crimes in the table below? What is the best punishment for them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Seriousness	Punishment
Burglary		
Shoplifting		
Pickpocketing		
Speeding		
Littering		
Public disorder		

5. ISLAND: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "island". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. PUNISHMENTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst punishments at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Prison
- Fines
- House arrest
- Death penalty
- Community service
- Ankle tags
- Chain gangs
- Police warnings

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. island | a. Very bad and mean; wanting to hurt someone. |
| 2. house (verb) | b. Very well known; many people talk about it. |
| 3. high-profile | c. Got away from a place, like a jail. |
| 4. prisoners | d. Land with water all around it. |
| 5. escaped | e. Had many problems or troubles. |
| 6. plagued | f. Give someone or something a place to live or stay. |
| 7. vicious | g. People kept in jail. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. option | h. From before; not now. |
| 9. significant | i. Fix something that is broken. |
| 10. threats | j. Control or manage something like a shop, department or public service. |
| 11. former | k. Important or big. |
| 12. repair | l. Breaking or not working anymore. |
| 13. falling apart | m. Things that can cause danger or harm. |
| 14. run | n. A choice; something you can choose. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Donald Trump will reopen the Alcatraz prison next week. **T / F**
2. Alcatraz was used as a prison for more than 100 years. **T / F**
3. Alcatraz is now a place that attracts tourists. **T / F**
4. President Trump said Alcatraz was a symbol of crime and violence. **T / F**
5. The USA's head of border control is against reopening Alcatraz. **T / F**
6. An ex-Federal Bureau of Prisons worker wants to reopen Alcatraz. **T / F**
7. Alcatraz needs many repairs. **T / F**
8. There are no cameras at Alcatraz. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. famous | a. dangers |
| 2. prison | b. go back |
| 3. escaped | c. sign |
| 4. return | d. got away (from) |
| 5. symbol | e. breaking up |
| 6. head | f. well known |
| 7. threats | g. operate |
| 8. repair | h. boss |
| 9. falling apart | i. jail |
| 10. run | j. fix |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. The prison is on a | a. profile prisoners |
| 2. The jail was in use between | b. out some problems |
| 3. It was used to house high- | c. and order |
| 4. no one ever escaped | d. prison like that |
| 5. a symbol of law | e. 1934 and 1963 |
| 6. national security | f. alive from the prison |
| 7. the island needed too many | g. apart |
| 8. some buildings are literally falling | h. rocky island |
| 9. He pointed | i. repairs |
| 10. You can't run a | j. threats |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

US President Donald Trump says he wants to reopen the famous prison Alcatraz. The prison is on a (1) _____ island in San Francisco Bay. The jail was in (2) _____ between 1934 and 1963. It was used to house high-profile (3) _____. These included the gangsters Al Capone and George "Machine Gun" Kelly. Officially, no one ever escaped (4) _____ from the prison. In 1973, Alcatraz opened to the public and became a tourist (5) _____. President Trump wants the island to return to housing (6) _____ criminals. Trump said: "Alcatraz represents something very strong, very powerful." He wants it to be a (7) _____ of law and order. He added: "America has been plagued by vicious, violent, and (8) _____ criminal offenders."

prisoners
dangerous
rocky
repeat
use
symbol
attraction
alive

The USA's head of (9) _____ control, Tom Homan, liked the idea of reopening Alcatraz as a prison. He said it could be "an (10) _____ for significant public safety threats and national security (11) _____". However, some people think Alcatraz should not become a prison again. Hugh Hurwitz, a former acting director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, (12) _____ with the idea. He told the BBC: "It's not realistic to think you can (13) _____ it. You'd have to tear it up and start over." He said the island needed too many repairs and that some (14) _____ are "literally falling apart". He pointed out some problems. He said: "There are no security (15) _____. No cameras. No fencing. You can't (16) _____ a prison [like that]."

threats
repair
run
border
upgrades
disagreed
option
buildings

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

- 1) US President Donald Trump says he wants to reopen _____
 - a. the famously prison
 - b. the infamously prison
 - c. infamously prison
 - d. the famous prison
- 2) In 1973, Alcatraz opened to the public and became _____
 - a. a tourist attracting
 - b. a tourist attract shun
 - c. a tourist attraction
 - d. a touristy attraction
- 3) President Trump wants the island to return to _____
 - a. house in dangerous criminals
 - b. housing dangerously criminals
 - c. housing dangerous criminals
 - d. housing dangerous criminal
- 4) He wants it to be a symbol of _____
 - a. law and order
 - b. law end order
 - c. law an dawdle
 - d. law an doodle
- 5) America has been plagued by vicious, violent, and _____
 - a. repeats criminal offenders
 - b. repeat criminals offenders
 - c. repeat criminal offender
 - d. repeat criminal offenders
- 6) He said it could be an option for significant _____
 - a. public safe tee threats
 - b. public safely threats
 - c. public safety threats
 - d. public safe tea threats
- 7) a former acting director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, disagreed _____
 - a. wither the idea
 - b. within the idea
 - c. withers the idea
 - d. with the idea
- 8) You'd have to tear it up _____
 - a. and start over
 - b. and start under
 - c. and start outer
 - d. and start inner
- 9) the island needed too many repairs and that some buildings are _____
 - a. literally falling a part
 - b. literally falling apart
 - c. literally falling apartment
 - d. literally falling app art
- 10) There are no security upgrades. No cameras. No fencing. You can't run a _____
 - a. prison likes that
 - b. prison liked that
 - c. prison like what
 - d. prison like that

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

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The USA's head (7) _____, Tom Homan, liked the idea of reopening Alcatraz as a prison. He said it could be "(8) _____ significant public safety threats and national security threats". However, some people think Alcatraz should not become a prison again. Hugh Hurwitz, (9) _____ director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, disagreed with the idea. He told the BBC: "It's not realistic to think you can repair it. You'd have to (10) _____ and start over." He said the island needed too many repairs and that some buildings are "(11) _____. He pointed out some problems. He said: "There are no security upgrades. No cameras. No fencing. You can't (12) _____ [like that]."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

1. What kind of island is Alcatraz on?
2. Who was George "Machine Gun" Kelly?
3. How many prisoners successfully escaped from Alcatraz?
4. When did Alcatraz become a tourist attraction?
5. What does President Trump want Alcatraz to be a symbol of?
6. What is Tom Homan's job?
7. Where did Hugh Hurwitz used to work?
8. What did Hugh Hurwitz say the island needed?
9. What did Hugh Hurwitz say was happening to the buildings on Alcatraz?
10. What did Hugh Hurwitz say there was a lack of on Alcatraz?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

- 1) What kind of island is Alcatraz on?
 - a) an isolated island
 - b) a deserted one
 - c) a paradise island
 - d) a rocky one
- 2) Who was George "Machine Gun" Kelly?
 - a) a prison boss
 - b) a gangster
 - c) a government worker
 - d) a builder
- 3) How many prisoners successfully escaped from Alcatraz?
 - a) many
 - b) a few
 - c) none
 - d) one
- 4) When did Alcatraz become a tourist attraction?
 - a) 1973
 - b) 1934
 - c) 1963
 - d) 1983
- 5) What does President Trump want Alcatraz to be a symbol of?
 - a) light and dark
 - b) goodness and light
 - c) law and order
 - d) peace and harmony
- 6) What is Tom Homan's job?
 - a) the USA's head of immigration
 - b) the USA's head of border control
 - c) the USA's head of prisons
 - d) the USA's head of farming
- 7) Where did Hugh Hurwitz used to work?
 - a) the Federal Bureau of Investigation
 - b) the Federal Bureau of Border Control
 - c) the Federal Bureau of Prisons
 - d) the Federal Bureau of Farming
- 8) What did Hugh Hurwitz say the island needed?
 - a) many repairs
 - b) shops
 - c) apartments
 - d) machine guns
- 9) What did Hugh Hurwitz say was happening to the buildings on Alcatraz?
 - a) They are selling fast.
 - b) They are sinking.
 - c) They are falling apart.
 - d) They are becoming full of rats.
- 10) What did Hugh Hurwitz say there was a lack of on Alcatraz?
 - a) restaurants, stores and cafes
 - b) security upgrades, cameras and fencing
 - c) prison officers and police officers
 - d) street lights and roads

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

Role A – Prison

You think prison is the worst punishment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their punishments aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): fines, community service or chain gangs.

Role B – Fines

You think fines are the worst punishment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their punishments aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): prison, community service or chain gangs.

Role C – Community Service

You think community service is the worst punishment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their punishments aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): fines, prison or chain gangs.

Role D – Chain Gangs

You think chain gangs are the worst punishment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their punishments aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): fines, community service or prison.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'island' and 'prison'.

island	prison

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• famous• house• alive• return• strong• repeat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• border• option• former• repair• falling• run
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PRISON SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

Write five GOOD questions about prison 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.

PRISON DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'prison'?
3. What do you know about Alcatraz?
4. What is the purpose of prisons?
5. What are prisons like in your country?
6. What should happen to gangsters and dangerous criminals?
7. How long should a prisoner stay in their cell each day?
8. Are prisons the best way to punish people?
9. Is crime a big problem in your country?
10. Should all prisons be on islands?

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PRISON DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'island'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should Alcatraz be reopened as a prison?
15. What do you think life inside a prison is like?
16. What are your favourite movies about prisons?
17. What do you think when people escape from prisons?
18. Should prisons stop people from committing crimes?
19. What will prisons be like in the future?
20. What questions would you like to ask the prison authorities?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The USA's head of border control, Tom Homan, liked the idea (7) _____ reopening Alcatraz as a prison. He said it could be "an option for significant public safety (8) _____ and national security threats". However, some people think Alcatraz should not become a prison again. Hugh Hurwitz, a former acting director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, disagreed (9) _____ the idea. He told the BBC: "It's not realistic to think you can repair it. You'd have to tear it (10) _____ and start over." He said the island needed too many repairs and that some buildings are "literally (11) _____ apart". He pointed out some problems. He said: "There are no security upgrades. No cameras. No fencing. You can't (12) _____ a prison [like that]."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) famous | (b) famously | (c) fame | (d) family |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) in | (d) by |
| 3. | (a) home | (b) accommodation | (c) house | (d) rent |
| 4. | (a) lived | (b) lively | (c) live | (d) alive |
| 5. | (a) danger | (b) endanger | (c) dangerous | (d) endangered |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) to |
| 7. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) up |
| 8. | (a) threatens | (b) threats | (c) treats | (d) treaties |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) with | (d) to |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) of | (d) up |
| 11. | (a) feel | (b) falls | (c) fell | (d) falling |
| 12. | (a) hop | (b) walk | (c) run | (d) jump |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. reopen the ufasmo prison Alcatraz
2. high-erpfiol prisoners
3. These included the eggsarsnt
4. no one ever pecseda alive from the prison
5. a otisurt attraction
6. a lboym of law and order.

Paragraph 2

7. The USA's head of rrodbe control
8. public safety ahrtse
9. a mrrfeo acting director
10. It's not lriacteis to think you can
11. buildings are "leytlira falling apart
12. There are no euiyrtcs upgrade

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () alive from the prison. In 1973, Alcatraz opened to the public and became a tourist
- () and order. He added: "America has been plagued by vicious, violent, and repeat criminal offenders."
- () attraction. President Trump wants the island to return to housing dangerous
- () criminals. Trump said: "Alcatraz represents something very strong, very powerful." He wants it to be a symbol of law
- () island in San Francisco Bay. The jail was in use between 1934 and 1963. It was used to house high-
- () it. You'd have to tear it up and start over." He said the island needed too many
- () of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, disagreed with the idea. He told the BBC: "It's not realistic to think you can repair
- () out some problems. He said: "There are no security upgrades. No cameras. No fencing. You can't run a prison [like that]."
- () prison. He said it could be "an option for significant public safety threats and national security
- () profile prisoners. These included the gangsters Al Capone and George "Machine Gun" Kelly. Officially, no one ever escaped
- () repairs and that some buildings are "literally falling apart". He pointed
- () The USA's head of border control, Tom Homan, liked the idea of reopening Alcatraz as a
- () threats". However, some people think Alcatraz should not become a prison again. Hugh Hurwitz, a former acting director
- (**1**) US President Donald Trump says he wants to reopen the famous prison Alcatraz. The prison is on a rocky

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. He reopen wants famous to Alcatraz prison the .
2. The is prison rocky a island on .
3. It house used prisoners was high-profile to .
4. In Alcatraz public the to 1973, opened .
5. He it wants symbol be to a .
6. He idea Alcatraz reopening the liked of .
7. People Alcatraz become should not think prison a .
8. It's realistic not think can to you .
9. He island too repairs needed said the many .
10. He buildings some literally said apart are falling .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

US President Donald Trump says he wants to reopen the *famously* / *famous* prison Alcatraz. The prison is *on* / *in* a rocky island in San Francisco Bay. The jail was *in* / *on* use between 1934 and 1963. It was used to *house* / *home* high-profile prisoners. These included the gangsters Al Capone and George "Machine Gun" Kelly. *Officially* / *Official*, no one ever escaped alive from the prison. In 1973, Alcatraz opened to the *private* / *public* and became a tourist attraction. President Trump wants the island to return to housing dangerous *criminal* / *criminals*. Trump said: "Alcatraz represents something very strong, very *power* / *powerful*." He wants it to be a symbol of law and order. He added: "America has been plagued *by* / *on* vicious, violent, and repeat criminal *offences* / *offenders*."

The USA's head of *border* / *bordering* control, Tom Homan, liked the idea of reopening Alcatraz *was* / *as* a prison. He said it could be "an option *at* / *for* significant public safety threats and national security *threats* / *treats*". However, some people think Alcatraz should not become a prison again. Hugh Hurwitz, a former *actor* / *acting* director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, disagreed with the idea. He *said* / *told* the BBC: "It's not realistic to think you can repair *it* / *them*. You'd have to tear it up and *start* / *finish* over." He said the island needed too many repairs and that some buildings are "literally *feeling* / *falling* apart". He pointed out some problems. He said: "There are no security upgrades. No cameras. No fencing. You can't *run* / *ran* a prison."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_S Pr_s_d_nt D_n_ld Tr_mp s_ys h_ w_nts t_ r__p_n
th_ f_m__s pr_s_n _lc_tr_z. Th_ pr_s_n _s _n _ rcky
_sl_nd _n S_n Fr_nc_sc_ B_y. Th_ j__l w_s _n _s_
b_tw__n 1934 _nd 1963. _t w_s _s_d t_ h__s_ hgh-
pr_f_l_ pr_s_n_rs. Th_s_ _ncl_d_d th_ g_ngst_rs _l
C_p_n_ _nd G__rg_ "M_ch_n_ G_n" K_lly. _ff_c__lly, n_
n _v_r _sc_p_d _l_v_ fr_m th_ pr_s_n. _n 1973,
_lc_tr_z _p_n_d t_ th_ p_bl_c _nd b_c_m_ _ t__rst
_ttr_ct__n. Pr_s_d_nt Tr_mp w_nts th_ _sl_nd t_ r_t_rn
t_ h__s_ng d_ng_r__s cr_m_n_ls. Tr_mp s__d: "_lc_tr_z
r_pr_s_nts s_m_th_ng v_ry str_ng, v_ry p_w_rf_l." H_
w_nts _t t_ b_ _ symb_l _f l_w _nd _rd_r. H_ _dd_d:
"_m_r_c_ h_s b__n pl_g__d by v_c__s, v__l_nt, _nd
r_p__t cr_m_n_l _ff_nd_rs."

Th_ _S_'s h__d _f b_rd_r c_ntr_l, T_m H_m_n, l_k_d
th_ _d__ _f r__p_n_ng _lc_tr_z _s _ pr_s_n. H_ s__d
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r_p__r _t. Y__'d h_v_ t_ t__r _t _p _nd st_rt _v_r."
H_ s__d th_ _sl_nd n__d_d t__ m_ny r_p__rs _nd th_t
s_m_ b__ld_ngs _r_ "l_t_r_lly f_ll_ng _p_rt". H_
p__nt_d __t s_m_ pr_bl_ms. H_ s__d: "Th_r_ _r_ n_
s_c_r_ty _pgr_d_s. N_ c_m_r_s. N_ f_nc_ng. Y__ c_n't
r_n _ pr_s_n l_k_ th_t."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

us president donald trump says he wants to reopen the famous prison alcatraz the prison is on a rocky island in san francisco bay the jail was in use between 1934 and 1963 it was used to house highprofile prisoners these included the gangsters al capone and george machine gun kelly officially no one ever escaped alive from the prison in 1973 alcatraz opened to the public and became a tourist attraction president trump wants the island to return to housing dangerous criminals trump said alcatraz represents something very strong very powerful he wants it to be a symbol of law and order he added america has been plagued by vicious violent and repeat criminal offenders

the usas head of border control tom homan liked the idea of reopening alcatraz as a prison he said it could be an option for significant public safety threats and national security threats however some people think alcatraz should not become a prison again hugh hurwitz a former acting director of the federal bureau of prisons disagreed with the idea he told the bbc its not realistic to think you can repair it youd have to tear it up and start over he said the island needed too many repairs and that some buildings are literally falling apart he pointed out some problems he said there are no security upgrades no cameras no fencing you cant run a prison like that

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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US President Donald Trump says he wants to reopen the famous prison Alcatraz. The prison is on a rocky island in San Francisco Bay. The jail was in use between 1934 and 1963. It was used to house high-profile prisoners. These included the gangsters Al Capone and George "Machine Gun" Kelly. Officially, no one ever escaped alive from the prison. In 1973, Alcatraz opened to the public and became a tourist attraction. President Trump wants the island to return to housing dangerous criminals. Trump said: "Alcatraz represents something very strong, very powerful." He wants it to be a symbol of law and order. He added: "America has been plagued by vicious, violent, and repeat criminal offenders." The USA's head of border control, Tom Homan, liked the idea of reopening Alcatraz as a prison. He said it could be "an option for significant public safety threats and national security threats". However, some people think Alcatraz should not become a prison again. Hugh Hurwitz, a former acting director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, disagreed with the idea. He told the BBC: "It's not realistic to think you can repair it. You'd have to tear it up and start over." He said the island needed too many repairs and that some buildings are "literally falling apart". He pointed out some problems. He said: "There are no security upgrades. No cameras. No fencing. You can't run a prison [like that]."

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

Write about **prisons** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

[illegible]

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250508-alcatraz-prison.html>

The world needs more prisons. Discuss.

[illegible]

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BEST PUNISHMENT: Make a poster about prisons being the best form of punishment. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MORE PRISONS: Write a magazine article about building more prisons. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on prisons. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make prisons better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. f 3. b 4. g 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. n 9. k 10. m 11. h 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. d	4. b	5. c
6. h	7. a	8. j	9. e	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A rocky one
2. A gangster
3. None
4. 1973
5. Law and order
6. The USA's head of border control
7. The Federal Bureau of Prisons
8. Many repairs
9. They are falling apart
10. Security upgrades, cameras and fencing

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. He wants to reopen the famous prison Alcatraz.
2. The prison is on a rocky island.
3. It was used to house high-profile prisoners.
4. In 1973, Alcatraz opened to the public.
5. He wants it to be a symbol.
6. He liked the idea of reopening Alcatraz.
7. People think Alcatraz should not become a prison.
8. It's not realistic to think you can.
9. He said the island needed too many repairs.
10. He said some buildings are literally falling apart.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. c 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)