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**Level 4 – 19th January 2026**

## **Donald Trump pushing ahead to acquire Greenland**

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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/2601/260119-greenland-4.html>

President Donald Trump is increasing his efforts to acquire Greenland. He will put 10 per cent tariffs on several European countries if they do not agree with his plans. The tariffs will start next month. The levy could increase to 25 per cent in June. The tariffs will be "due and payable until such time as a deal is reached for the complete and total purchase of Greenland". The UK prime minister said tariffs for the security of NATO is "completely wrong".

Acquiring Greenland has been a priority for President Trump. He said "the national security of the United States and the world at large is at stake". He said strong measures were needed to secure world peace, and to ensure this "potentially perilous situation ends quickly". Thousands of people in Greenland protested yesterday against Trump's plans. In the capital city of Nuuk, people held signs that read "Greenland is not for sale".

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260119-greenland-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Donald Trump is increasing      | a. deal is reached    |
| 2. tariffs on several              | b. start next month   |
| 3. if they do not agree            | c. of NATO            |
| 4. The tariffs will                | d. European countries |
| 5. The levy                        | e. of Greenland       |
| 6. until such time as a            | f. with his plans     |
| 7. the complete and total purchase | g. could increase     |
| 8. tariffs for the security        | h. his efforts        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Acquiring Greenland has been | a. of Nuuk            |
| 2. national                     | b. at large           |
| 3. the world                    | c. were needed        |
| 4. strong measures              | d. perilous situation |
| 5. secure world                 | e. a priority         |
| 6. this potentially             | f. peace              |
| 7. people in Greenland          | g. security           |
| 8. the capital city             | h. protested          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260119-greenland-4.html>

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Acquiring Greenland has been (7) \_\_\_\_\_ President Trump. He said "(8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States and the world at large (9) \_\_\_\_\_". He said strong measures were needed to secure world peace, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ this "potentially (11) \_\_\_\_\_ quickly". Thousands of people in Greenland protested yesterday against Trump's plans. In the capital city of Nuuk, people held signs that read "Greenland is (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260119-greenland-4.html>

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# GREENLAND SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260119-greenland-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Greenland 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260119-greenland-4.html>

Write about **Greenland** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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