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Level 5 – 19th January 2026

Donald Trump pushing ahead to acquire Greenland

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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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President Donald Trump is increasing his efforts to acquire Greenland. He has announced 10 per cent tariffs on several European countries if they do not "go along with Greenland". These countries recently sent officials to Greenland. 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: "Applying tariffs on allies for pursuing the collective security of NATO is completely wrong."

Acquiring Greenland has been a high priority for President Trump. He stressed that "the national security of the United States and the world at large is at stake". He added: "It is imperative that, in order to protect global peace and security, strong measures be taken so that this potentially perilous situation ends quickly." President Trump said Greenland was important for the USA's Golden Dome missile defence system. Thousands of people in Greenland have protested 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Trump is increasing his efforts | a. allies |
| 2. He has announced 10 per cent | b. purchase of Greenland |
| 3. if they do not go along | c. security of NATO |
| 4. These countries recently sent | d. increase |
| 5. The levy could | e. with Greenland |
| 6. the complete and total | f. to acquire Greenland |
| 7. applying tariffs on | g. officials to Greenland |
| 8. pursuing the collective | h. tariffs |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Greenland has been a high | a. large |
| 2. national | b. of Nuuk |
| 3. the world at | c. perilous situation |
| 4. in order | d. system |
| 5. this potentially | e. priority |
| 6. missile defence | f. against Trump's plans |
| 7. protested | g. security |
| 8. In the capital city | h. to protect global peace |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ Greenland. He has announced 10
per cent (2) _____ European countries if they
do not "go along with Greenland". These countries
(3) _____ to Greenland. The tariffs will start
next month. The (4) _____ to 25 per cent in
June. The tariffs will be "(5) _____ until such
time as a deal is reached for the complete and total purchase of
Greenland". The UK prime minister said: "Applying tariffs on
(6) _____ the collective security of NATO is
completely wrong."

Acquiring Greenland has been a (7) _____
President Trump. He stressed that "the national security of the
United States and the world at large
(8) _____". He added: "It is imperative that,
in order to protect global peace and security,
(9) _____ taken so that this potentially
(10) _____ quickly." President Trump said
Greenland was important for the USA's Golden Dome
(11) _____. Thousands of people in Greenland
have protested against Trump's plans. In the
(12) _____ Nuuk, people held signs that read
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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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

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

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