

Trump calls immigrant nations 'sh*thole' countries

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US President Donald Trump has caused outrage worldwide after he reportedly made racially charged comments about Haiti, El Salvador and African

countries. He was in a meeting on immigration with lawmakers on Thursday when he asked why the US allowed people from "sh*thole countries" into the country. He was also reported as saying: "We need more people from Norway." Senator Dick Durbin, who attended the meeting, described Trump's words as "hate filled, vile and racist". The White House did not deny that Trump made the remarks. A spokesman said: "Certain Washington politicians choose to fight for foreign countries, but President Trump will always fight for the American people."

There has been a lot of condemnation of Mr Trump's alleged comments. Republican Senator Mia Love said: "The President must apologize to...the nations he so wantonly maligned." The United Nations has condemned the reported description of African nations and Haiti as "shocking and shameful", and "racist". Haiti's ambassador to the United States stated: "If [the statements] were made, the President was either misinformed or mis-educated about Haiti and its people." President Trump denied making the comments in a tweet. He wrote: "Never said anything derogatory about Haitians other than Haiti is obviously a very poor and troubled country....I have a wonderful relationship with Haitians."

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Writing

World leaders should never use vulgar language. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

outrage / comments / immigration / lawmakers / hate / remarks / politicians / fight / condemnation / apologize / shocking / shameful / racist / tweet / derogatory / poor

True / False

- a) President Trump reportedly made comments about El Salvador. T / F
- b) The article says Mr Trump was in a meeting with foreign ministers. T / F
- c) Mr Trump reportedly wanted more Norwegians to go to the USA. T / F
- d) The White House said Mr Trump was fighting for the American people. T / F
- e) A Republican senator said Mr Trump should say sorry. T / F
- f) Haiti's ambassador to the USA said the comments were definitely made. T / F
- g) President Trump has not yet denied making the alleged remarks. T / F
- h) President Trump said Haiti was a wonderful country. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. outrage | a. let |
| 2. comments | b. deceived |
| 3. allowed | c. opt |
| 4. vile | d. remarks |
| 5. choose | e. deliberately |
| 6. condemnation | f. offensive |
| 7. wantonly | g. anger |
| 8. misinformed | h. problematic |
| 9. derogatory | i. criticism |
| 10. troubled | j. nasty |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of Donald Trump?
- b) What have you heard or seen in the news about this?
- c) What do you think of the alleged comments?
- d) What is immigration like in your country?
- e) What do you know about Trump's views on immigration?
- f) What role does Trump have in increasing tolerance?
- g) How can world leaders reduce racism?
- h) How is Mr Trump fighting for the American people?

BreakingNewsEnglish - The Mini Lesson

Phrase Match

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| 1. he reportedly made racially | a. the American people |
| 2. He was in a meeting on immigration | b. fight for foreign countries |
| 3. The White House did not deny that | c. relationship with Haitians |
| 4. politicians choose to | d. charged comments |
| 5. Trump will always fight for | e. making the comments |
| 6. a lot of condemnation of Mr Trump's | f. wantonly maligned |
| 7. apologize to...the nations he so | g. about Haitians |
| 8. President Trump denied | h. Trump made the remarks |
| 9. Never said anything derogatory | i. alleged comments |
| 10. I have a wonderful | j. with lawmakers |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Should a world leader ever use vulgar language?
- How would you feel if your leader used vulgar language?
- Does vulgar language have a place in society?
- Would anything change if there was proof Trump made the comments?
- Has Donald Trump ever said anything derogatory about anyone?
- How would life be different without vulgar language?
- What questions would you like to ask Donald Trump?

Spelling

- Trump has caused egtuora worldwide
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Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Trade

You think trade relations are the most important between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their relations. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): sporting, cultural or military.

Role B – Sporting

You think sporting relations are the most important between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their relations. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): trade, cultural or military.

Role C – Cultural

You think cultural relations are the most important between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their relations. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): sporting, trade or military.

Role D – Military

You think military relations are the most important between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their relations. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): sporting, cultural or trade.

Speaking – Relationships

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important relationships at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • political | • trade |
| • security | • sporting |
| • royalty | • economic |
| • military | • cultural |

Answers – True False

a T	b F	c T	d T	e T	f F	g F	h F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.