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Level 5 – 25th December

U.S. government shutdown over border wall

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THE READING

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The U.S. government will partially shut down due to a lack of agreement over funding for the wall along the Mexico border. It is likely that the closures will last until after Christmas. It is the third government shutdown this year. U.S. President Donald Trump has promised a "very long" government shutdown if Democrats do not fund the wall. He wants \$5.7 billion to finance the wall. It was one of the President's major election promises. He said: "We are totally prepared for a very long shutdown." He tweeted: "Shutdown today if Democrats do not vote for border security."

The shutdown affected Mr Trump's holiday plans. The White House confirmed this in a statement. It said: "Due to the shutdown, President Trump will remain in Washington, D.C. and the First Lady will return from Florida so they can spend Christmas together." There is gridlock in large parts of the country. Funding has expired for departments that operate national parks, homeland security, law enforcement, tax collection and transportation. Around 400,000 federal workers will stay at home without pay until a deal is reached.

Sources: https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/shutdown-day-1-trump-warns-it-could-be-a-long-stay-amid-impasse-over-border-wall/2018/12/22/006ff10c-060b-11e9-9122-82e98f91ee6f_story.html
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The U.S. government will partially | a. until after Christmas |
| 2. a lack of agreement | b. prepared |
| 3. the closures will last | c. government shutdown |
| 4. a "very long" | d. border security |
| 5. He wants \$5.7 billion | e. shut down |
| 6. the President's major election | f. to finance the wall |
| 7. We are totally | g. over funding |
| 8. if Democrats do not vote for | h. promises |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The shutdown affected Mr Trump's | a. enforcement |
| 2. The White House confirmed this | b. security |
| 3. they can spend | c. holiday plans |
| 4. There is gridlock in large | d. without pay |
| 5. homeland | e. in a statement |
| 6. law | f. collection |
| 7. tax | g. parts of the country |
| 8. workers will stay at home | h. Christmas together |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.S. government will partially shut down due (1) _____ of agreement over funding for (2) _____ the Mexico border. It is likely that the closures (3) _____ after Christmas. It is the third government shutdown this year. U.S. President Donald Trump has (4) _____ long" government shutdown if Democrats do not fund the wall. He wants \$5.7 billion to finance the wall. It was one of the President's (5) _____. He said: "We are totally prepared for a very long shutdown." He tweeted: "Shutdown today if Democrats do not (6) _____ security."

The shutdown affected Mr Trump's holiday plans. The White House (7) _____ a statement. It said: "Due to the shutdown, President Trump (8) _____ Washington, D.C. and the First Lady will return from Florida so (9) _____ Christmas together." There is gridlock in (10) _____ the country. Funding (11) _____ departments that operate national parks, homeland security, law enforcement, tax collection and transportation. Around 400,000 federal workers will stay at home without pay (12) _____ is reached.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WALLS AND FENCES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about walls and fences 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 **walls and fences** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
