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Level 2 – 4th January, 2019

The USA and Israel quit UNESCO

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THE READING

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The USA and Israel have quit UNESCO. This is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The two countries pulled out at the stroke of midnight at the New Year. It is the second time the U.S. has pulled out of UNESCO. The first time was in 1984 over relations with the Soviet Union. It re-joined in 2003. The current withdrawal is because both nations say UNESCO is biased against Israel. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said: "UNESCO is among the most corrupt and politically biased UN agencies....The U.S. withdrawal from this cesspool became official."

The U.S. co-founded UNESCO after World War II to build peace through international cooperation in education, the sciences and culture. It is famous for its World Heritage program, which protects cultural sites and traditions. It also improves education for girls, promotes understanding of the horrors of the Holocaust, and defends freedom of the press. The U.S. will follow UNESCO as a non-member state. The Israeli envoy to the United Nations Danny Danon said his country, "will not be a member of an organization whose goal is to deliberately act against us".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The USA and Israel have | a. corrupt |
| 2. The two countries pulled | b. midnight |
| 3. at the stroke of | c. in 1984 |
| 4. It is the second time the U.S. | d. to the United Nations |
| 5. The first time was | e. quit UNESCO |
| 6. The U.S. ambassador | f. UN agencies |
| 7. among the most | g. has pulled out |
| 8. politically biased | h. out |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. build peace through international | a. an organization |
| 2. protects cultural sites | b. Holocaust |
| 3. the horrors of the | c. against us |
| 4. defends freedom | d. cooperation |
| 5. follow UNESCO as a non- | e. and traditions |
| 6. The Israeli envoy to | f. member state |
| 7. be a member of | g. of the press |
| 8. deliberately act | h. the United Nations |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The USA and Israel (1) _____. This is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The two countries pulled out (2) _____ of midnight at the New Year. It is the second time the U.S. has pulled out of UNESCO. The first (3) _____ 1984 over relations with the Soviet Union. It re-joined in 2003. The current withdrawal is because (4) _____ UNESCO is biased against Israel. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said: "UNESCO is among (5) _____ and politically biased UN agencies....The U.S. (6) _____ cesspool became official."

The U.S. co-founded UNESCO after World War II (7) _____ through international cooperation in education, the sciences and culture. It (8) _____ its World Heritage program, which protects (9) _____ traditions. It also improves education for girls, promotes understanding of (10) _____ the Holocaust, and defends freedom of the press. The U.S. will follow UNESCO as a non-member state. The Israeli (11) _____ United Nations Danny Danon said his country, "will not be a member of an organization whose goal is to deliberately (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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UNESCO SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about UNESCO 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) _____

