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Donald Trump interested in buying Greenland

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Donald Trump is interested in buying the territory of Greenland. He said buying the world's second largest island would be like buying property. He said it was, "essentially a large real estate deal... They've got a lot of valuable minerals" and it is strategically located. He added: "Denmark owns it....We protect Denmark like we protect large portions of the world. So the concept came up and I said, 'Certainly I'd be [interested].' Mr Trump said buying Greenland was not his top priority at the moment. He said: "It's not number one on the burner."

Greenland is a territory of Denmark. The Prime Minister of Denmark said Greenland would not be sold. She said: "Greenland is not for sale. Greenland is not Danish. Greenland belongs to Greenland. I strongly hope that this is not meant seriously." She added: "It's an absurd discussion. Greenland's leader also made it clear that Greenland is not for sale. The USA has a history of being interested in Greenland. In 1946, President Harry Truman offered Denmark \$100 million for the island but Denmark said no. In 1867, a US president paid Russia \$7.2 million for Alaska.

Sources: https://www.bbc.com/news/world/middle_east
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. interested in buying | a. priority |
| 2. the world's second | b. of the world |
| 3. it was essentially a large real | c. one on the burner |
| 4. They've got a lot of valuable | d. the territory |
| 5. we protect large portions | e. minerals |
| 6. buying Greenland was not his top | f. moment |
| 7. at the | g. estate deal |
| 8. It's not number | h. largest island |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Greenland is a territory | a. the island |
| 2. Greenland belongs | b. made it clear |
| 3. It's an absurd | c. for Alaska |
| 4. Greenland's leader also | d. of Denmark |
| 5. Greenland is not | e. in Greenland |
| 6. a history of being interested | f. discussion |
| 7. offered Denmark \$100 million for | g. to Greenland |
| 8. paid Russia \$7.2 million | h. for sale |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Donald Trump is interested in (1) _____ of Greenland. He said buying the world's (2) _____ would be like buying property. He said it was, "(3) _____ real estate deal... They've got a lot of valuable minerals" and (4) _____ located. He added: "Denmark owns it....We protect Denmark like we protect large portions of the world. So (5) _____ up and I said, 'Certainly I'd be [interested].' Mr Trump said buying Greenland was not his top priority (6) _____. He said: "It's not number one on the burner."

Greenland is (7) _____ Denmark. The Prime Minister of Denmark said Greenland would not be sold. She said: "Greenland is (8) _____. Greenland is not Danish. Greenland belongs to Greenland. I (9) _____ this is not meant seriously." She added: "It's (10) _____. Greenland's leader also made it clear that Greenland is not for sale. The USA has (11) _____ being interested in Greenland. In 1946, President Harry Truman offered Denmark \$100 million (12) _____ but Denmark said no. In 1867, a US president paid Russia \$7.2 million for Alaska.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GREENLAND SURVEY

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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.
