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Level 4 – 20th September, 2021

France recalls its ambassadors to Australia and US

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A diplomatic row has started after France recalled its ambassadors to Australia and the USA. It is because Australia cancelled a \$37 billion order to buy diesel-powered submarines from France. Australia will buy nuclear-powered submarines instead. France called Australia's cancellation a "stab in the back" and a "betrayal". France also recalled its top diplomat to the USA. The US and Australia will cooperate on nuclear-powered submarines.

AUKUS, a new alliance between Australia, the UK and the USA, is the cause of the split. It means Australia will be get technology to operate nuclear-powered subs. France only knew of the alliance hours before it was announced to the world. France said its "exceptional decision" was because of the "exceptional gravity" of the situation. China accused the three AUKUS powers of displaying a "Cold War mentality".

Sources: <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/france-recalls-ambassadors-to-u-s-and-australia-in-response-to-aukus-nuclear-submarine-pact>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A diplomatic row | a. \$37 billion order |
| 2. France recalled | b. to the USA |
| 3. Australia cancelled a | c. has started |
| 4. diesel- | d. cooperate |
| 5. buy nuclear-powered submarines | e. instead |
| 6. a stab in | f. its ambassadors |
| 7. recalled its top diplomat | g. the back |
| 8. The US and Australia will | h. powered submarines |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a new | a. to the world |
| 2. the cause of | b. powered subs |
| 3. technology to operate nuclear- | c. mentality |
| 4. France only knew of the alliance | d. the split |
| 5. it was announced | e. alliance |
| 6. exceptional | f. of the situation |
| 7. the "exceptional gravity" | g. hours before |
| 8. displaying a Cold War | h. decision |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) _____ started after France recalled its ambassadors to Australia and the USA. It is because Australia cancelled a \$37 billion (2) _____ diesel-powered submarines from France. Australia will buy nuclear-(3) _____. France called Australia's cancellation a "(4) _____ back" and a "betrayal". France also (5) _____ diplomat to the USA. The US and Australia (6) _____ nuclear-powered submarines.

AUKUS, a (7) _____ Australia, the UK and the USA, is the cause (8) _____. It means Australia will be get (9) _____ nuclear-powered subs. France only knew of the (10) _____ it was announced to the world. France said its "exceptional decision" was because of (11) _____ of the situation. China accused the three AUKUS powers of displaying a (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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INSECTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ambassadors 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) _____

