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Level 1

Oil pipeline protest joined by military veterans

5th December, 2016

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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People in North Dakota, USA are angry because a company is building a \$3.8 billion oil pipeline near their land. The Sioux people have lived on the land for thousands of years. The Sioux are Native Americans. Many protestors want to stop the pipeline because it will dirty drinking water. It will also damage historic Sioux sites. A company from Texas, Energy Transfer Partners, owns the 1,885-km pipeline. It is almost complete.

The protestors call themselves "water protectors". They now include U.S. military veterans (retired soldiers, sailors, etc.). The veterans built shelters to keep people warm in the winter. There has been violence between the protestors and police. A North Dakota spokesman said some of the protestors were "frightening". A veteran said: "We will be unarmed, completely prepared for peaceful protest. We don't even like the word 'protest'."

Sources: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/03/us/standing-rock-pipeline-protest-north-dakota.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. building a \$3.8 billion oil pipeline | a. stop the pipeline |
| 2. lived on the land for | b. pipeline |
| 3. Many protestors want to | c. sites |
| 4. it will dirty drinking | d. complete |
| 5. It will also damage historic Sioux | e. near their land |
| 6. A company from | f. water |
| 7. the 1,885-km | g. Texas |
| 8. It is almost | h. thousands of years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The protestors call themselves | a. and police |
| 2. They now include U.S. military | b. shelters |
| 3. retired soldiers, | c. veterans |
| 4. The veterans built | d. unarmed |
| 5. keep people warm | e. "water protectors" |
| 6. violence between the protestors | f. 'protest' |
| 7. We will be | g. sailors, etc. |
| 8. We don't even like the word | h. in the winter |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline-1.html>

People in North Dakota, USA (1) _____ because a company (2) _____ \$3.8 billion oil pipeline near their land. The Sioux people (3) _____ the land for thousands of years. The Sioux are Native Americans. Many protestors (4) _____ the pipeline because it will dirty drinking water. It (5) _____ historic Sioux sites. A company from Texas, Energy Transfer Partners, owns the 1,885-km pipeline. It (6) _____.

The protestors (7) _____ "water protectors". They now include U.S. (8) _____ (retired soldiers, sailors, etc.). The veterans (9) _____ to keep people warm in the winter. There has been violence between (10) _____ and police. A North Dakota spokesman said some of the protestors were "frightening". A veteran said: "We (11) _____, completely prepared for peaceful protest. We (12) _____ the word 'protest'."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PROTESTS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about protests 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) _____

