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Musk abandons Trump after U.S. dumps Paris Agreement

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THE READING

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World-famous CEO and inventor Elon Musk has left his position on Donald Trump's business advisory council. He recently defended his role as advisor to the U.S. President. His decision to quit was because of Trump's announcement that the U.S. will pull out of the Paris Agreement. This is the climate deal set up to deal with greenhouse gas emissions and signed by 195 countries. Mr Musk tweeted: "Climate change is real. Leaving [the] Paris [Agreement] is not good for America or the world." Another prominent figure, Disney CEO Bob Iger, will also quit the advisory council.

President Trump has constantly backed the fossil fuel industry. He believes that leaving the Paris Agreement will ease business restrictions and promote growth. Trump's supporters say leaving will help to revitalize the coal industry and create jobs and revenue to what was a profitable industry. However, world leaders condemned the withdrawal. France's president said: "There is no plan B on climate, because there is no planet B." The world is on an irreversible trend towards cleaner energy. Leaving the Paris Agreement may limit the USA's influence in environmental issues.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. World-famous CEO | a. of the Paris Agreement |
| 2. business advisory | b. as advisor |
| 3. He recently defended his role | c. for America or the world |
| 4. His decision to | d. and inventor |
| 5. the U.S. will pull out | e. emissions |
| 6. climate | f. quit |
| 7. greenhouse gas | g. council |
| 8. not good | h. deal |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. the fossil | a. industry |
| 2. ease business | b. influence |
| 3. promote | c. restrictions |
| 4. help to revitalize the coal | d. and revenue |
| 5. create jobs | e. fuel industry |
| 6. world leaders condemned the | f. B |
| 7. There is no plan | g. withdrawal |
| 8. limit the USA's | h. growth |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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World-famous CEO and inventor Elon Musk (1) _____ on Donald Trump's business advisory council. He recently (2) _____ advisor to the U.S. President. His decision to quit was because of Trump's announcement that the U.S. (3) _____ the Paris Agreement. This is the climate deal set up to deal with greenhouse gas emissions (4) _____ 195 countries. Mr Musk tweeted: "Climate change is real. Leaving [the] Paris [Agreement] (5) _____ America or the world." Another prominent figure, Disney CEO Bob Iger, (6) _____ advisory council.

President Trump has constantly backed (7) _____ industry. He believes that leaving the Paris Agreement (8) _____ restrictions and promote growth. Trump's supporters say leaving will help (9) _____ the coal industry and create jobs and revenue (10) _____ profitable industry. However, world leaders condemned the withdrawal. France's president said: "There (11) _____ on climate, because there is no planet B." The world is on an irreversible trend towards cleaner energy. Leaving the Paris Agreement (12) _____ USA's influence in environmental issues.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CLIMATE CHANGE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about climate change 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 **climate change** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
