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Level 4 – 25th December, 2018

U.S. government shutdown over border wall

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THE READING

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The U.S. government will partially shut down because there is no agreement to find funds for the Mexico border wall. The closures will last until after Christmas. It is the third shutdown this year. Donald Trump promised a "very long" government shutdown if Democrats do not find \$5.7 billion for the wall. The wall was one of the President's major election promises. He said: "We are totally prepared for a very long shutdown."

The shutdown affected Mr Trump's holiday plans. He will remain in Washington, D.C. and the First Lady will return from Florida so they can spend Christmas together. Large parts of the country are in gridlock. Many departments have run out of money, including homeland security, law enforcement, tax collection and transportation. About 400,000 government workers will stay at home without pay until there is a deal.

Sources: https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/shutdown-day-1-trump-warns-it-could-be-a-long-stay-amid-impasse-over-border-wall/2018/12/22/006ff10c-060b-11e9-9122-82e98f91ee6f_story.html
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The U.S. government will | a. after Christmas |
| 2. there is | b. prepared |
| 3. find funds for the Mexico | c. \$5.7 billion |
| 4. The closures will last until | d. border wall |
| 5. do not find | e. shutdown |
| 6. the President's major | f. partially shut down |
| 7. We are totally | g. no agreement |
| 8. a very long | h. election promises |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The shutdown affected Mr Trump's | a. collection |
| 2. the First | b. are in gridlock |
| 3. so they can spend | c. holiday plans |
| 4. Large parts of the country | d. without pay |
| 5. Many departments have run | e. security |
| 6. homeland | f. Lady |
| 7. tax | g. out of money |
| 8. workers will stay at home | h. Christmas together |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.S. government (1) _____ down because there is no agreement to (2) _____ the Mexico border wall. The closures will (3) _____ Christmas. It is the third shutdown this year. Donald Trump promised (4) _____ government shutdown if Democrats do not find \$5.7 billion (5) _____. The wall was one of the President's (6) _____. He said: "We are totally prepared for a very long shutdown."

The shutdown affected Mr Trump's holiday plans. (7) _____ in Washington, D.C. and the First Lady (8) _____ Florida so they can spend Christmas together. (9) _____ the country are in gridlock. Many departments have run (10) _____, including homeland security, law enforcement, (11) _____ transportation. About 400,000 government workers will stay at home (12) _____ there is a deal.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WALLS AND FENCES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about walls and fences 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) _____

