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Level 1

Trump employee apologises for plagiarising Michelle Obama speech

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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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A speech writer for Melania Trump said she copied parts of a speech from Michelle Obama. Mrs Trump gave a speech to support her husband Donald. He wants to be the next US president. Mrs Trump's speech was about how great she thought Mr Trump was. Journalists said several lines from the speech were the same as a speech from Mrs Obama about Barack Obama. Newspapers wrote about how Mrs Trump could make a speech that was plagiarised.

Plagiarism is copying the work of other people without saying you are copying it. It is stealing. Students who copy get an F-grade. Schools often expel the students. An exam expert said: "Melania's speech offers us a [clear] example of plagiarism in action, from the highest levels of American politics." A writing expert said people will not trust Melania Trump from now. Donald Trump said the speech was "good news" because it got a lot of publicity.

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. speech | a. thought Mr Trump was |
| 2. she copied parts | b. a speech |
| 3. Mrs Trump gave | c. from Mrs Obama |
| 4. support her | d. of a speech |
| 5. how great she | e. husband |
| 6. several lines | f. writer |
| 7. the same as a speech | g. was plagiarised |
| 8. make a speech that | h. from the speech |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Plagiarism is copying the work | a. American politics |
| 2. It is | b. an F-grade |
| 3. Students who copy get | c. publicity |
| 4. Schools often expel | d. stealing |
| 5. a clear example of plagiarism | e. Melania Trump from now |
| 6. the highest levels of | f. of other people |
| 7. people will not trust | g. in action |
| 8. it got a lot of | h. the students |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A speech writer for Melania Trump said (1) _____
of a speech from Michelle Obama. Mrs Trump gave a
(2) _____ her husband Donald. He wants to be
the next US president. Mrs Trump's speech
(3) _____ great she thought Mr Trump was.
Journalists said (4) _____ from the speech were
the (5) _____ from Mrs Obama about Barack
Obama. Newspapers wrote about how Mrs Trump could make a
speech that (6) _____.

Plagiarism is copying (7) _____ people without
saying you are copying it. (8) _____. Students
who copy get an F-grade. Schools often expel the students. An
(9) _____: "Melania's speech offers us a [clear]
example of plagiarism in action, from
(10) _____ of American politics." A
(11) _____ said people will not trust Melania
Trump from now. Donald Trump said the speech was "good news"
because (12) _____ publicity.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PLAGIARISM SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about plagiarism 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) _____

