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## **Level 2**

### **Trump employee apologises for plagiarising Michelle Obama speech**

**22nd July, 2016**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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An employee of Donald Trump admitted plagiarism in helping to write a speech for Melania Trump. Mrs Trump was speaking at a convention to support her husband Donald. He is the Republican nominee in the race to be the next President of the USA. Mrs Trump made a speech about how great she thought her husband was. Many journalists recognised several lines from the speech. They were the same as lines in a speech given by Michelle Obama about her husband Barack. Newspapers have been full of stories 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. Students are taught that copying is stealing. Students who copy usually get an F-grade for their work. Schools often expel students for plagiarism. A university examination 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 or believe Melania Trump from now. Donald Trump said the speech was "good news" because it, "got more publicity than any [speech] in the history of politics".

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. An employee                    | a. President of the USA  |
| 2. helping to                     | b. was plagiarised       |
| 3. Mrs Trump was speaking at      | c. nominee               |
| 4. He is the Republican           | d. write a speech        |
| 5. the race to be the next        | e. been full of stories  |
| 6. journalists recognised several | f. of Donald Trump       |
| 7. Newspapers have                | g. lines from the speech |
| 8. make a speech that             | h. a convention          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Plagiarism is copying the        | a. or believe Melania   |
| 2. Students are taught that copying | b. get an F-grade       |
| 3. Students who copy usually        | c. of American politics |
| 4. Schools often expel students     | d. politics             |
| 5. the highest levels               | e. work of other people |
| 6. people will not trust            | f. publicity            |
| 7. it got more                      | g. is stealing          |
| 8. the history of                   | h. for plagiarism       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism-2.html>

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Plagiarism (7) \_\_\_\_\_ work of other people without saying you are copying it. Students are taught that (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Students who copy usually get an F-grade for their work. Schools (9) \_\_\_\_\_ students for plagiarism. A university examination expert said: "Melania's speech offers (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of plagiarism in action, from the highest levels of American politics." A writing expert said people will not (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Melania Trump from now. Donald Trump said the speech was "good news" because it, "got more publicity than any [speech] (12) \_\_\_\_\_ politics".

# 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_

