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## **Level 2**

### **Philippines to split from USA**

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

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161022-philippines-2.html>

The Philippines president Rodrigo Duterte has announced his country will move away from the USA and work with China. He made the announcement in a meeting in China's capital city. Mr Duterte also hinted he might get closer to Russia. He said: "Maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to Putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world - China, the Philippines and Russia." Duterte said he would end military and economic agreements with the USA. He told the USA: "Your stay in my country was for your own benefit. So it is time to say goodbye, my friend."

Things could now change in the Asia-Pacific region. China will be stronger and the USA will be weaker. Mr Duterte may ask the USA to leave its military bases in the Philippines. This would be a big problem for the USA. A US spokesman said: "That starts to raise questions about our whole approach to the region." This break from the US comes after 65 years of a close partnership between the two countries. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' commented on the changing relations. It wrote: "China has just turned a former rival into a regional ally."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161022-philippines-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The Philippines                  | a. to talk to Putin  |
| 2. his country will move            | b. in a meeting      |
| 3. He made the announcement         | c. city              |
| 4. in China's capital               | d. closer to Russia  |
| 5. Duterte also hinted he might get | e. president         |
| 6. Maybe I will also go to Russia   | f. your own benefit  |
| 7. there are three of us            | g. away from the USA |
| 8. Your stay in my country was for  | h. against the world |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Things could now change        | a. relations                  |
| 2. China will be                  | b. leave its military bases   |
| 3. Mr Duterte may ask the USA to  | c. rival into a regional ally |
| 4. This would be a big            | d. partnership                |
| 5. raise questions about          | e. in the Asia-Pacific region |
| 6. after 65 years of a close      | f. problem for the USA        |
| 7. changing                       | g. stronger                   |
| 8. China has just turned a former | h. our whole approach         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Philippines president Rodrigo Duterte (1) \_\_\_\_\_ country will move away from the USA and work with China. He made (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in a meeting in China's capital city. Mr Duterte also (3) \_\_\_\_\_ get closer to Russia. He said: "Maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to Putin and tell him that there are three of us (4) \_\_\_\_\_ - China, the Philippines and Russia." Duterte said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ military and economic agreements with the USA. He told the USA: "Your stay in my country was for (6) \_\_\_\_\_. So it is time to say goodbye, my friend."

Things (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Asia-Pacific region. China will be stronger and the USA will be weaker. Mr Duterte may ask the USA to leave (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Philippines. This would be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for the USA. A US spokesman said: "That starts to raise questions about (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to the region." This break from the US comes after 65 years of a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' commented on the (12) \_\_\_\_\_. It wrote: "China has just turned a former rival into a regional ally."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE PHILIPPINES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161022-philippines-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Philippines 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) \_\_\_\_\_

