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**Level 5** – 22nd January, 2021

## Biden vows to repair global alliances

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# THE READING

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Joe Biden has promised to re-establish global alliances. Mr Biden was sworn in as the 46th U.S. President on Wednesday. There was tight security in Washington with around 25,000 National Guard troops positioned to make sure the inauguration took place peacefully. In his first days, Mr Biden will make executive orders to change the direction of America's foreign policy. He will rejoin the Paris climate accord. Biden wants to restore America's reputation. He said: "America has been tested....We will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again."

Donald Trump left office vowing to "be back". His farewell words to the American public were: "Have a good life, we will see you soon." He broke with tradition by not attending the inauguration. Mr Trump said: "This has been an incredible four years. We've accomplished so much together. What we've done has been amazing by any standard." He added: "It's been a great honour and privilege to be your president....I wish the new administration great luck and great success. I think they will have great success. They have the foundation to do something really spectacular."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Mr Biden was sworn               | a. reputation    |
| 2. There was tight                  | b. policy        |
| 3. executive                        | c. once again    |
| 4. America's foreign                | d. security      |
| 5. He will rejoin the Paris climate | e. our alliances |
| 6. Biden wants to restore America's | f. in            |
| 7. We will repair                   | g. accord        |
| 8. engage with the world            | h. orders        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Trump left office vowing to | a. administration         |
| 2. His farewell words          | b. much together          |
| 3. He broke                    | c. spectacular            |
| 4. We've accomplished so       | d. with tradition         |
| 5. It's been a great honour    | e. great success          |
| 6. the new                     | f. be back                |
| 7. I think they will have      | g. and privilege          |
| 8. do something really         | h. to the American public |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Donald Trump (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to "be back". His farewell words to the American public were: "Have a good life, we will see you soon." He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ by not attending the inauguration. Mr Trump said: "This has been an incredible four years. We've (9) \_\_\_\_\_ together. What we've done has been amazing (10) \_\_\_\_\_." He added: "It's been a great honour and privilege to be your president....I wish the new administration great luck (11) \_\_\_\_\_. I think they will have great success. They have the foundation to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ spectacular."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# JOE BIDEN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Joe Biden 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) \_\_\_\_\_

