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Level 5 – 28th February, 2022

Ex-world boxing champions to defend Ukraine

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220228-klitschko-brothers-5.html>

Two former boxing world champions have joined the biggest fight of their lives. They are Vitali Klitschko, 50, and his brother Wladimir, 45. Both are Ukrainian, and they have vowed to take up arms to help defend their capital Kyiv. Vitali is currently the city's mayor. He retired from boxing in 2013, having been heavyweight champion for a decade. He said: "I don't have another choice....I'll be fighting. It's already a bloody war." Wladimir tweeted: "Destruction and death come upon us....We will defend ourselves with all our might and fight for freedom and democracy."

The boxing siblings have joined their fellow citizens in defending their city. Authorities have already given 18,000 rifles to residents to defend themselves. There are also images on social media of people learning to make Molotov cocktails. The two brothers have criticised Russia's President Putin and are aware of the danger they face. Yahoo Sports wrote: "There is an immense amount of bravery required to slip between the ropes and fight another man who has trained for months to defeat you. That's child's play compared to the fight the Klitschkos face today."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the biggest fight | a. from boxing in 2013 |
| 2. vowed to take | b. of their lives |
| 3. help | c. democracy |
| 4. He retired | d. war |
| 5. I don't have another | e. defend their capital |
| 6. It's already a bloody | f. all our might |
| 7. We will defend ourselves with | g. up arms |
| 8. fight for freedom and | h. choice |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The boxing | a. face today |
| 2. joined their fellow citizens in | b. between the ropes |
| 3. residents to defend | c. they face |
| 4. There are also images | d. defending their city |
| 5. aware of the danger | e. of bravery |
| 6. an immense amount | f. themselves |
| 7. required to slip | g. siblings |
| 8. the fight the Klitschkos | h. on social media |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Two former boxing world champions have (1) _____ fight of their lives. They are Vitali Klitschko, 50, and his brother Wladimir, 45. Both are Ukrainian, and they have (2) _____ up arms to help defend their capital Kyiv. Vitali (3) _____ city's mayor. He retired from boxing in 2013, having been heavyweight champion (4) _____. He said: "I don't have another choice....I'll be fighting. It's already (5) _____." Wladimir tweeted: "Destruction and death come upon us....We will defend ourselves with all our (6) _____ for freedom and democracy."

The boxing siblings have joined (7) _____ in defending their city. Authorities have already given 18,000 rifles to (8) _____ themselves. There are also images on social media of people learning to make Molotov cocktails. The two brothers have criticised Russia's President Putin and (9) _____ the danger they face. Yahoo Sports wrote: "There is an immense (10) _____ required to slip between the (11) _____ another man who has trained for months to defeat you. That's (12) _____ to the fight the Klitschkos face today."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BRAVERY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about bravery 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) _____

