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Level 0

Syria says it will destroy chemical weapons

21st September, 2013

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130921-chemical-weapons-0.html>

Syria's president, Bashar al-Assad, will destroy his chemical weapons. He said it will take a year. It will be difficult and very expensive. It is also bad for the environment. Mr Assad said it might cost \$1billion. He asked the U.S. to pay, and take the chemicals away. America might attack if Syria does not keep its promise. Russia said no to this.

President Assad said rebels used sarin gas. Russia says this is true. America says Syria's army used the gas. Mr Assad and Russia said America was wrong. Assad said sarin gas is called kitchen gas because a rebel can make it in his house. He said Syria is in a new kind of war because the rebels are from over 80 countries.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-24155674>
<http://news.sky.com/story/1143623/assad-to-destroy-chemical-weapons-in-a-year>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. destroy | a. to pay |
| 2. it will take | b. no to this |
| 3. bad | c. a year |
| 4. it might cost | d. his chemical weapons |
| 5. He asked the U.S. | e. away |
| 6. take the chemicals | f. does not keep its promise |
| 7. America might attack if Syria | g. for the environment |
| 8. Russia said | h. \$1billion |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. sarin | a. in his house |
| 2. Russia says this | b. used the gas |
| 3. Syria's army | c. is true |
| 4. Russia said America | d. kitchen gas |
| 5. sarin gas is called | e. gas |
| 6. a rebel can make it | f. over 80 countries |
| 7. Syria is in a new | g. was wrong |
| 8. the rebels are from | h. kind of war |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Syria's president, Bashar al-Assad, (1) _____
chemical weapons. He said it (2) _____. It will
be difficult and very expensive. (3) _____ for
the environment. Mr Assad said (4) _____
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(5) _____ away. America might attack if Syria
(6) _____ its promise. Russia said no to this.

President Assad (7) _____ sarin gas. Russia
says this is true. America says Syria's
(8) _____. Mr Assad and Russia said
(9) _____. Assad said sarin gas is called kitchen
(10) _____ rebel can make
(11) _____. He said Syria is in a new kind of
war because the rebels (12) _____ 80
countries.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

