

<b>Name:</b> Laura Reeck	<b>Date:</b> 7/16/2025	<b>Level:</b> B1	<b>Number of students expected:</b> 4
<b>Topic:</b> President Trump and presidential power			
<b>Main lesson focus (underline one):</b> <u>Listening</u>			
<b>Learner outcome(s):</b> The students will be able to answer listening comprehension questions based on a news story recording and then discuss presidential power.			
<b>Grammar:</b>			
<b>Vocabulary:</b> to reshape, to vow, fossil fuels, to drill			
<b>Phrases:</b>			
<b>Materials:</b> recording, vocabulary matching exercise, P2 T/F exercise, recording transcript, PP slides for engage			
<a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2501/250123-golden-age-of-america-21.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2501/250123-golden-age-of-america-21.html</a>			
<b>Assumptions:</b> For this lesson I assume the Ss already know something about Donald Trump.			
<b>An anticipated problem:</b> The listening may be challenging for them, even though the recording is Level 1 on Breaking News English.			
<b>My proposed solution:</b> They will listen once for gist, a second time for detail, and a third time with the transcript.			

**What I intend to work on based on previous feedback:** Don't tell the students what speed the recording is at! Make sure that students understand instructions.

Stage of lesson  No. of minutes	Procedure (What I / they do)	Objective (Why am I / are they doing this?)	Main skill students will be practising eg L
Warm Up/Engage  6 mins	Using some power point slides of Donald Trump, ask the students to talk about what they notice, what gets their attention.	Give the students a chance to begin speaking English freely. Focus on the day's topic.	S
Vocabulary  12 mins	<p>to reshape (something) to vow (to do something)/to make a vow to drill (for something) fossil fuels: oil and gas</p> <p>drill, CCQ each word; give examples of how the verbs are used with prepositions in sentences</p> <p>Also introduce stars and stripes = the US flag via the power point slide</p>	<p>Pre-teach important words that students are unlikely to know that come up in the recording. Focus on verbs, as well as prepositions.</p> <p>This comes up as "Stars and Stripes" in the news story.</p>	L

	<p>Give the students a vocabulary matching exercise. 2 mins</p> <p>Ask them to compare answers.</p> <p>What do you think the news story is about? Title is “The Golden Age of America”</p>	<p>Ensure that these new words have been understood, along with a couple of easier words I assume students already know that also come up in the recording.</p>	
<p>While Listening</p> <p>20 minutes</p>	<p>Set up Listen 1. Provide students with the title of the news story and also with the focus question:</p> <p>Does President Trump suggest that he believes in God?</p> <p>Set up Listen 2. Ask students to read the 6 true and false sentences, then during listen 2., decide which are true and false.</p> <p>I will pause the recording sentence by sentence for Listen 2.</p> <p>For Listen 3., give the students the transcript so that they can read along. Consider speeding up the delivery speed depending on how it is going.</p>	<p>Introduce students to the news story and task.</p> <p>Encourage students to first focus on gist.</p> <p>Encourage students to now focus on detail.</p> <p>Provide the students an opportunity to see the full text and to further their understanding of the news story vocabulary and content.</p>	L

Production  15 mins	<p>In twos, one partner draws a card, reads it out, and answers. Take turns drawing cards. Each person should talk for two minutes.</p> <p>Model this.</p>	Place the news story in a larger context about political leadership and power. Provide an opportunity for the students to discuss the topic freely, listening to each other and each other's ideas.	S
Recap and Error Correction  5 mins	Fold any error correction from the production exercise into the recap at the end; focus on vocabulary.		
Filler	Public polling on Trump: what are Americans saying?		

## “The Golden Age of America”

President Donald Trump has promised a "golden age" for America. He was sworn in as the USA's 45th President on the 20th of January. He was also the 45th when he served in that role from 2017 to 2021. He made his acceptance speech in Washington, D.C. He promised to reshape America, stating: "The golden age of America begins right now. From this day forward, our country will [grow] and be respected again all over the world. We will be the envy of every nation." He added that: "During every single day of the Trump administration, I will very simply put America first." President Trump said he had a God-given mission.

He spoke about the assassination attempt in July. He said: "My life was saved...by God to make America great again." One of Trump's biggest promises was for American astronauts to plant the Stars and Stripes flag on Mars. He vowed to strengthen the US economy. He also said he would use America's fossil fuels. He said: "We will drill, baby, drill." He added: "We have something that no other manufacturing nation will ever have – the largest amount of oil and gas of any country on Earth. And we are going to use it."

### Vocabulary Matching.

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| 1. age        | a. to promise               |
| 2. to vow     | b. to change                |
| 3. golden     | c. a shiny yellow           |
| 4. to drill   | d. to be jealous of         |
| 5. to reshape | e. to go into the earth for |
| 6. to envy    | f. a period of time         |

### Listen 2. True or False.

- 1) President Trump is the 45th and 47th U.S. President. T / F
- 2) President Trump said the golden age in America would begin in 2028. T / F
- 3) President Trump said that he would put America first every day. T / F
- 4) President Trump survived an assassination attempt in June. T / F
- 5) President Trump wants to put an American flag on Mars. T / F
- 6) President Trump wants babies to drill for oil. T / F

What do you know about President Donald Trump?

What do you know about the current problems in the USA?

What do you think of the leader of your country?

If you could ask President Trump three questions, what would they be?

What advice would you give to President Trump?

Are there other world leaders like President Trump?

Describe the ideal world leader, and explain why you think this.

Do you believe that the golden age of countries can be in the future?