

1ª Carta

Letters notes
Fact: The editorial published on June 1st: Mr. Trump's war on American Allies
Linguistic tips: The name of the editorial that is between quotes and highlighted in a different color (blue); the date and month of publishing
Author's opinion: He doesn't like president Trump's actions; he sees president Trump as a criminal.
Linguistic tips: lexical choices; use of adjectives to intensify statements
Excerpts: "Instead of evidence of an understanding of economics, starting a trade war is more likely simply another example of his <u>acting the thug</u> " - LEXICAL CHOICE "He seems to <u>delight in destroying</u> alliances, <u>abrogating</u> international agreements, <u>lauding dictators and racists</u> , <u>threatening nuclear war and pardoning unrepentant criminals</u> " - LEXICAL CHOICE "Rather than revealing thoughtful analysis, his in-your-face <u>malevolent incompetence</u> could be a sly diversion to keep our attention off accusations of <u>his criminality</u> " - LEXICAL CHOICE; USE OF ADJECTIVE TO INTENSIFY A STATEMENT "Or, more plausibly, it simply shows the <u>sheer joy</u> he takes in <u>creating havoc</u> and basking in the attention it brings him" - LEXICAL CHOICE; USE OF ADJECTIVE TO INTENSIFY A STATEMENT

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2ª Carta

Letters notes
Fact: The front page news published on June 1st: U.S. to put tariffs on its key allies, risk reprisal
Linguistic tips: The name of the news that is between quotes and highlighted in a different color (blue); the date and month of publishing
Author's opinion: He doesn't agree with President Trump government; He is against Trump's actions and tariffs imposing.
Linguistic tips: lexical choices; use of adverbs to intensify statements
Excerpts: "The president has <u>abused his authority</u> in declaring national security as the <u>justification for imposing tariffs</u> on our closest allies" - LEXICAL CHOICE " The real reason is the <u>fulfillment of a campaign promise</u> , not national security" - LEXICAL CHOICE "Congressional leaders know that the president is <u>dead wrong</u> " - USE OF ADVERB TO INTENSIFY A STATEMENT "Verbal objection will have <u>no useful effect on this president</u> " - LEXICAL CHOICE; USE OF ADJECTIVE TO INTENSIFY A STATEMENT

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3ª Carta

Letters notes
Fact: The front page news published on June 1st: U.S. to put tariffs on its key allies, risk reprisal
Linguistic tips: The name of the news that is between quotes and highlighted in a different color (blue); the date and month of publishing
Author's opinion: He doesn't agree with President Trump administration; He thinks Canada and other U.S. allies countries are being bullied by President Trump
Linguistic tips: lexical choices; use of adjectives to intensify statements
Excerpts: "With Canada and its allies <u>being hit once again</u> with <u>punitive trade measures</u> by the Trump administration, maybe it's time for a little bolder action other than just trade retaliation" - LEXICAL CHOICE; USE OF ADJECTIVE TO INTENSIFY A STATEMENT "The Canadian government, which is hosting the G-7 economic summit next week in Quebec, <u>should disinvite the irrational and unstable American president</u> " - LEXICAL CHOICE; USE OF ADJECTIVES TO INTENSIFY A STATEMENT "Canada and America's other allies need to send a message to President Trump that <u>they are tired of being bullied</u> " - LEXICAL CHOICE

4ª Carta

Letters notes
Fact: The front page news published on June 1st: U.S. to put tariffs on its key allies, risk reprisal
Linguistic tips: The name of the news that is between quotes and highlighted in a different color (blue); the date and month of publishing
Author's opinion: He doesn't agree with President Trump justification about his tariffs plan, considering canadian imports as a security risk
Linguistic tips: use of personal questioning; use of figures of speech; use subject pronoun
Excerpts: "So President Trump has placed tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum imports because we are a security risk!?" - USE OF PERSONAL QUESTIONING; USE OF EXCLAMATION MARK " So I guess we now sell our surplus steel and aluminum to China to build its fighter jets and warships" - USE OF FIGURE OF SPEECH - IRONY; USE OF SUBJECT PRONOUN 'I' "Crazy, eh?" - USE OF PERSONAL QUESTIONING; USE OF FIGURE OF SPEECH - IRONY