

## BEM TEST

America, Brazil and Argentina remained<sup>51</sup> non-committal<sup>52</sup> and some countries hostile<sup>53</sup> to the USA, such as Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua have even expressed<sup>54</sup> support for Russia. Russia supplies significant quantities<sup>55</sup> of oil and gas to China and India and other Asian countries, such as Vietnam, and is now offering it at discounted<sup>56</sup> prices in return for paying in rounds – a win-win<sup>57</sup> for the parties involved.

The West may delude itself<sup>58</sup> that it is a battle of the world versus Putin but that isn't borne out<sup>59</sup> by the facts. Contrary to<sup>60</sup> the intention<sup>61</sup>, sanctions may not only strengthen<sup>62</sup> the Russian president's argument that the West is on a mission to destroy Russia, it pushes non-Western countries, particularly those in Asia that resent<sup>63</sup> interference in<sup>64</sup> their affairs, towards stronger ties and increased trade with Russia.

## Global Economy

All academic, government and financial institutions paint a negative picture<sup>65</sup>. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)<sup>66</sup> anticipates global growth will be down by<sup>67</sup> 1.1 percent and inflation up by 2.5 percent. However, for many, the impact will be felt particularly in food and energy costs. The OECD Chief Economist Laurence Boone warned<sup>68</sup> that:

"If you look at commodity<sup>69</sup> prices, it's going to affect<sup>70</sup> every single consumer on the planet."

However, he also believed that the poorest people in the world would be the hardest hit. Russia and Ukraine



## Vital Verbs

Match the verbs from the text with the correct definitions.

1	Assess	A	Reduce in quantity <sup>1</sup>
2	Withdraw	B	Make someone believe something that isn't true
3	Retain	C	Remove or take something away
4	Shrink	D	Prepare someone for something difficult
5	Curtail	E	Recover <sup>2</sup>
6	Stir up	F	Continue having something
7	Rally	G	Fail to notice <sup>3</sup>
8	Impose	H	Evaluate
9	Delude	I	Take advantage of <sup>4</sup> an asset <sup>5</sup>
10	Brace	J	Cause trouble
11	Overlook	K	Become or make smaller
12	Leverage	L	Force a ruling <sup>6</sup> on someone

<sup>1</sup> quantity 'kwɒntəti ilość

<sup>2</sup> to recover 'tə rɪ'kʌvə(r) odzyskać (zdrowie, siły itp.)

<sup>3</sup> to notice sth 'tə nəʊtɪs 'sʌmθɪŋ zauważyć coś

<sup>4</sup> to take advantage of sth 'tə teɪk əd'vɑːntɪdʒ əv 'sʌmθɪŋ skorzystać z czegoś, wykorzystać coś

<sup>5</sup> asset 'æset zaleta, atut

<sup>6</sup> ruling 'ruːlɪŋ tu: orzeczenie, decyzja

## Answers:

1. H, 2. C, 3. F, 4. K, 5. A, 6. J, 7. I, 8. L, 9. B, 10. D, 11. G, 12. E

<sup>51</sup> to remain 'tə rɪ'meɪn pozostawać

<sup>52</sup> non-committal 'nɒn'kə'mɪtəl niezobowiązująco, nie opowiadając się po żadnej ze stron

<sup>53</sup> hostile 'hɒstəl wrogi

<sup>54</sup> to express sth 'tu ɪk'spres 'sʌmθɪŋ wyrazić coś

<sup>55</sup> quantity 'kwɒntəti ilość

<sup>56</sup> discounted 'dɪs'kaʊntɪd o obniżonej cenie, przeceniony

<sup>57</sup> win-win win win sytuacja korzystna dla wszystkich

<sup>58</sup> to delude oneself 'tə dɪ'lud wɒn'self łudzić się, oszukiwać się samemu

<sup>59</sup> to bear sth out 'tə beə(r) 'sʌmθɪŋ aut potwierdzić coś (np. o faktach), poprzec (np. twierdzenia

prawdziwymi informacjami)

<sup>60</sup> contrary to sth 'kɒntrəri tə 'sʌmθɪŋ odwrotnie do czegoś, inaczej niż coś

<sup>61</sup> intention ɪn'tenʃn zamiar

<sup>62</sup> to strengthen sth 'tə 'streŋθən 'sʌmθɪŋ umocnić coś

<sup>63</sup> to resent sth 'tə rɪ'zent 'sʌmθɪŋ żywić urazę o coś

<sup>64</sup> interference in sth ɪn'tə'fɪərəns ɪn 'sʌmθɪŋ przeszkodzenie w czymś, wtrącanie się w coś

<sup>65</sup> to paint a negative picture 'tə peɪnt ə 'negatɪv 'pɪktʃə(r) odmalować negatywny obraz sytuacji

<sup>66</sup> the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) ði ˌɔːɡənə'zeɪʃən fər ɪkə'nɒmɪk kəʊ'ɒpə'reɪʃən ænd dɪ'veləp'mənt ˌɔːʃɪː'sɪ'di: Organizacja Współpracy Gospodarczej i Rozwoju

<sup>67</sup> to be down by X 'tə bi daʊn baɪ spaɪs o X

<sup>68</sup> to warn 'tə wɔːn ostrzegać

<sup>69</sup> commodity 'kə'mɒdɪti towar, artykuł (np. spożywczy)

<sup>70</sup> to affect 'tə ə'fekt wpływać (na coś), wywrzeć wpływ