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Ex-Soviet leader warns of new Cold War

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THE ARTICLE

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It is 25 years since the Berlin Wall came down. For many, it represented the beginning of the end of communism in Europe and of a world divided by the Cold War. The world stared down the barrel of nuclear conflict many times, but then hope sprang up as the concrete in Berlin came tumbling down. Two-and-a-half decades on, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev warned that the world is on the brink of a new Cold War. Ironically, he made a speech explaining why in Berlin. He accused the West of not fulfilling the promises it made after 1989. He said that: "The world is on the brink of a new Cold War. Some say that it has already begun." He also criticised the United Nations for doing so little.

The Berlin Wall existed between 1961 and 1990. It completely cut off land access to West Berlin from surrounding East Germany. The western powers of the USA, Germany and France controlled life in West Berlin, while communist East Germany controlled the rest. The barrier included guard towers placed along large concrete walls. Anyone attempting to cross to the west was either shot or arrested by the East German border police. The wall came to symbolise the "Iron Curtain" that separated Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War. In 1989, a series of radical political changes occurred in the Eastern Bloc, which led to the Wall coming down and Germany being reunified in October 1990.

Sources: <http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/11/09/ukraine-crisis-gorbachev-idINKBN0IT02B20141109>
<http://en.ria.ru/world/20141108/195323771/Gorbachev-Worsening-in-Russian-German-Relations-Will-Bring-No.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_Wall

WARM-UPS

1. THE COLD WAR: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Cold War. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

25 years / the beginning of the end / communism / nuclear conflict / speech / promises / land access / barrier / arrested / Iron Curtain / political changes / reunified

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. COLD WAR: How would a Cold War affect these? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Will probably happen	Worst-case scenario
US-Russian relations		
Peace in Europe		
Terrorism		
International trade		
Nuclear threats		
Global economy		

4. PEACE: Students A **strongly** believe the world will be at peace one day; Students B **strongly** believe it won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. CHANGES: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest political changes at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- coup d'etat
- introduction of military service
- increase in taxation
- lowering voting age
- revolution
- martial law
- dictator takes power
- war

6. COMMUNISM: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "communism". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141111-cold-war.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The fall of the Berlin Wall was the end of the beginning of communism. T / F
- b. The article said hopes got bigger after the Berlin Wall came down. T / F
- c. An ex-Soviet leader made a speech in Berlin. T / F
- d. The ex-Soviet leader said the United Nations hadn't done much. T / F
- e. The Berlin Wall existed for nearly 30 years. T / F
- f. The Berlin Wall became a symbol of the "Velvet Curtain". T / F
- g. One radical change in the Eastern Bloc led to the fall of the wall. T / F
- h. Germany was reunified in August 1990. T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. represented | a. carrying out |
| 2. divided | b. revolutionary |
| 3. former | c. attacked |
| 4. fulfilling | d. encircling |
| 5. criticised | e. symbolised |
| 6. completely | f. resulted in |
| 7. surrounding | g. ex- |
| 8. radical | h. sequence |
| 9. series | i. split |
| 10. led to | j. totally |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. It is 25 years since the | a. fulfilling the promises |
| 2. the beginning of the | b. of nuclear conflict |
| 3. stared down the barrel | c. political changes |
| 4. the world is on the brink | d. guard towers |
| 5. He accused the West of not | e. or arrested |
| 6. It completely cut | f. Berlin Wall came down |
| 7. The barrier included | g. of a new Cold War |
| 8. shot | h. Bloc |
| 9. a series of radical | i. end of communism |
| 10. Eastern | j. off land access |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141111-cold-war.html>

It is 25 years (1) _____ the Berlin Wall came down. For many, it represented the beginning of the (2) _____ of communism in Europe and of a world divided by the Cold War. The world stared down the barrel of nuclear conflict many times, but then hope (3) _____ up as the concrete in Berlin came tumbling down. Two-and-a-half decades on, (4) _____ Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev warned that the world is on the (5) _____ of a new Cold War. Ironically, he made a speech explaining why in Berlin. He (6) _____ the West of not fulfilling the (7) _____ it made after 1989. He said that: "The world is on the brink of a new Cold War. Some say that it has already begun." He also criticised the United Nations for doing so (8) _____.

former
end
promises
brink
since
little
sprang
accused

The Berlin Wall (9) _____ between 1961 and 1990. It completely cut off land (10) _____ to West Berlin from surrounding East Germany. The western powers of the USA, Germany and France controlled life in West Berlin, while (11) _____ East Germany controlled the rest. The (12) _____ included guard towers placed along large concrete walls. Anyone attempting to cross to the west was either shot or (13) _____ by the East German border police. The wall came to symbolise the "Iron Curtain" that (14) _____ Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War. In 1989, a series of (15) _____ political changes occurred in the Eastern Bloc, which led to the Wall coming down and Germany being (16) _____ in October 1990.

arrested
access
communist
reunified
separated
existed
radical
barrier

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) It is 25 years since the Berlin _____
 - a. Wall came down
 - b. Wall come down
 - c. Wall comes down
 - d. Wall coming down
- 2) For many, it represented the beginning of the _____
 - a. end of communism
 - b. end by communism
 - c. end from communism
 - d. end for communism
- 3) The world stared down the barrel _____
 - a. of nuclear conflicts
 - b. of nuclear conflict
 - c. of nuclear conflicted
 - d. of nuclear conflicting
- 4) Gorbachev warned that the world is on _____ Cold War
 - a. the blink of a new
 - b. the bring of a new
 - c. the drink of a new
 - d. the brink of a new
- 5) He accused the West of not fulfilling the _____
 - a. promissory it made
 - b. promised it made
 - c. promise it made
 - d. promises it made
- 6) It completely cut off land _____ Berlin
 - a. excess to West
 - b. success to West
 - c. assess to West
 - d. access to West
- 7) The western powers of the USA, Germany and France controlled _____
 - a. life in West Berlin
 - b. live in West Berlin
 - c. live in West Berlin
 - d. lives in West Berlin
- 8) The barrier included guard towers placed along _____
 - a. large concreted walls
 - b. large concretes walls
 - c. large concreter walls
 - d. large concrete walls
- 9) Anyone attempting to cross to the west was either _____
 - a. shot or detested
 - b. shot or arrested
 - c. shot or composted
 - d. shot or suggested
- 10) a series of radical political changes occurred in _____
 - a. the Eastern Bloc
 - b. the Easterly Bloc
 - c. the East Bloc
 - d. the East turn Bloc

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The Berlin Wall existed between 1961 and 1990. (7) _____ access to West Berlin (8) _____ Germany. The western powers of the USA, Germany and France controlled life in West Berlin, while communist East Germany (9) _____. The barrier included guard towers placed along large concrete walls. Anyone attempting to cross to the west was (10) _____ by the East German border police. The wall (11) _____ the "Iron Curtain" that separated Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War. In 1989, a series of radical political changes occurred in the Eastern Bloc, which led to the Wall coming down and Germany (12) _____ October 1990.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141111-cold-war.html>

1. What did the fall of the wall represent the beginning of?

2. What danger did the world face many times during the Cold War?

3. What is the name of the ex-Soviet leader?

4. What did the leader say the West had not fulfilled?

5. Who did the former Soviet leader criticise?

6. What did the Berlin Wall cut off to West Berlin?

7. Who controlled life in East Berlin during the Cold War?

8. What did border police do to those trying to flee to the West?

9. When did a series of major political changes take place?

10. In what month did German reunification take place?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141111-cold-war.html>

1. What did the fall of the wall represent the beginning of?
 - a) the end of communism
 - b) things to come
 - c) the Warm War
 - d) defrosting
2. What danger did the world face many times during the Cold War?
 - a) running out of heating fuel
 - b) acid rain
 - c) nuclear conflict
 - d) a new ice age
3. What is the name of the ex-Soviet leader?
 - a) Yuri Andropov
 - b) Konstantin Chernenko
 - c) Boris Yeltsin
 - d) Mikhail Gorbachev
4. What did the leader say the West had not fulfilled?
 - a) dreams
 - b) promises
 - c) a contract
 - d) peace
5. Who did the former Soviet leader criticise?
 - a) the United Nations
 - b) Barack Obama
 - c) England and Germany
 - d) current Russian leaders
6. What did the Berlin Wall cut off to West Berlin?
 - a) Internet connections
 - b) relations
 - c) electricity
 - d) land access
7. Who controlled life in East Berlin during the Cold War?
 - a) Western powers
 - b) Yugoslavia
 - c) East Germany
 - d) Russia
8. What did border police do to those trying to flee to the West?
 - a) set dogs on them
 - b) shoot or arrest them
 - c) interrogate them
 - d) chase them
9. When did a series of major political changes take place?
 - a) 1987
 - b) 1988
 - c) 1989
 - d) 1990
10. In what month did German reunification take place?
 - a) February
 - b) October
 - c) July
 - d) August

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Increased taxation

You think increased taxation is the most serious political change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things are not so serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): the lowering of the voting age, the introduction of military service or martial law.

Role B – Lowering of voting age

You think the lowering of the voting age is the most serious political change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things are not so serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): increased taxation, the introduction of military service or martial law.

Role C – Introduction of military service

You think the introduction of military service is the most serious political change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things are not so serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): the lowering of the voting age, increased taxation or martial law.

Role D – Martial law

You think martial law is the most serious political change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things are not so serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): the lowering of the voting age, the introduction of military service or increased taxation.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141111-cold-war.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'cold' and 'war'.

cold	war
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25• stared• hope• warned• promises• little	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cut• powers• while• large• during• 1990
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THE COLD WAR SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Cold War 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.

THE COLD WAR DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'communism'?
- 3) What do you know about the Cold War?
- 4) What do you think of Mikhail Gorbachev's warning?
- 5) How has the world changed since the Berlin Wall came down?
- 6) Why is there such division between nations?
- 7) Who does your country not get on with, and why?
- 8) What are the bad things about a Cold War?
- 9) What more should the West have done to help after 1989?
- 10) What more should the United Nations have done?

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THE COLD WAR DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you know about the division of Berlin during the Cold War?
- 13) What is communism?
- 14) Why is the Cold War returning today?
- 15) What do you think of the name 'Iron Curtain'?
- 16) What political system is best, capitalism or communism?
- 17) Is capital more important than community?
- 18) What do leaders need to do to bring more world peace?
- 19) What changes could stop another Cold War?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Mikhail Gorbachev?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) comes | (b) came | (c) coming | (d) come |
| 2. | (a) division | (b) divided | (c) divides | (d) divide |
| 3. | (a) glanced | (b) squinted | (c) viewed | (d) stared |
| 4. | (a) firmer | (b) former | (c) farmer | (d) framing |
| 5. | (a) emptying | (b) fulfilling | (c) vacating | (d) topping up |
| 6. | (a) few | (b) much | (c) little | (d) poor |
| 7. | (a) assess | (b) excess | (c) access | (d) success |
| 8. | (a) when | (b) whoever | (c) while | (d) which |
| 9. | (a) dungeon | (b) missile | (c) variety | (d) barrier |
| 10. | (a) border | (b) rim | (c) edge | (d) side |
| 11. | (a) series | (b) serious | (c) cereal | (d) services |
| 12. | (a) by | (b) on | (c) to | (d) of |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the beginning of the end of mmsiounmc
2. stared down the blarer of nuclear conflict
3. Two-and-a-half ascedde on
4. not ignlflufli the promises it made
5. on the nkrib of a new Cold War
6. He also dirtseiicc (UK) / rzicdeiti (USA) the UN

Paragraph 2

7. The Berlin Wall stixde between 1961 and 1990
8. completely cut off land cssaec
9. large etnorec walls
10. loeisybms (UK) / iyozselmb (USA) the "Iron Curtain"
11. a series of acradil political changes
12. Germany being uridienef in October 1990

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	say that it has already begun." He also criticised the United Nations for doing so little.
()	of a new Cold War. Ironically, he made a speech explaining why in Berlin. He accused the West of not fulfilling
()	towers placed along large concrete walls. Anyone attempting to cross to the west was either shot
()	The Berlin Wall existed between 1961 and 1990. It completely cut off land access to West Berlin from
()	changes occurred in the Eastern Bloc, which led to the Wall coming down and Germany being reunified in October 1990.
()	end of communism in Europe and of a world divided by the Cold War. The world stared down the
()	the promises it made after 1989. He said that: "The world is on the brink of a new Cold War. Some
()	barrel of nuclear conflict many times, but then hope sprang up as the concrete in Berlin came tumbling
()	separated Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War. In 1989, a series of radical political
()	or arrested by the East German border police. The wall came to symbolise the "Iron Curtain" that
()	down. Two-and-a-half decades on, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev warned that the world is on the brink
()	surrounding East Germany. The western powers of the USA, Germany and France controlled
()	life in West Berlin, while communist East Germany controlled the rest. The barrier included guard
(1)	It is 25 years since the Berlin Wall came down. For many, it represented the beginning of the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. Wall It years Berlin down 25 the came is since .

2. of It beginning end the the communism represented of .

3. conflict world the nuclear The down of stared barrel .

4. the Cold the that new on Warned a is of world War brink .

5. of West the accused He made it promises the fulfilling not .

6. and Wall 1990 existed between The 1961 Berlin .

7. It off to cut access Berlin completely land West .

8. to either arrested attempting was or Anyone cross shot .

9. to symbolise The the wall 'Iron came Curtain' .

10. political In a radical occurred , of changes 1989 series .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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It is 25 years *since / for* the Berlin Wall came down. For many, it represented the beginning of the *final / end* of communism in Europe and of a world divided *for / by* the Cold War. The world stared down the *tubes / barrel* of nuclear conflict many times, but then *hope / hoped* sprang up as the concrete in Berlin came *rumbling / tumbling* down. Two-and-a-half decades on, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev warned that the world is on the *brink / blink* of a new Cold War. *Ironically / Irony*, he made a speech explaining why in Berlin. He accused the West of not *fulfilling / fulfills* the promises it made after 1989. He said that: "The world is on the brink of a new Cold War. Some say that it has already begun." He also criticised the United Nations for doing so *little / few*.

The Berlin Wall *erected / existed* between 1961 and 1990. It completely cut off land *excess / access* to West Berlin from surrounding East Germany. The western powers *of / for* the USA, Germany and France controlled life in West Berlin, while *communist / communism* East Germany controlled the rest. The barrier *included / including* guard towers placed along large concrete walls. Anyone attempting to cross to the west was either *shooting / shot* or arrested *by / on* the East German border police. The wall came to symbolise the "Iron Curtain" that *separated / divorced* Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War. In 1989, a *series / serious* of radical political changes occurred in the Eastern Bloc, which led to the Wall coming down and Germany being *reunified / reunion* in October 1990.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_t _s 25 y__rs s_nc_ th_ B_rl_n W_ll c_m_ d_wn. F_r
m_ny, _t r_pr_s_nt_d th_ b_g_nn_ng _f th_ _nd _f
c_mm_n_sm _n __r_p_ _nd _f _w_rld d_v_d_d by th_
C_ld W_r. Th_ w_rld st_r_d d_wn th_ b_rr_l _f n_cl__r
c_nfl_ct m_ny t_m_s, b_t th_n h_p_ spr_ng _p_s th_
c_ncr_t_ _n B_rl_n c_m_ t_mbl_ng d_wn. Tw_-nd_-
h_lf d_c_d_s _n, f_rm_r S_v__t l__d_r M_kh__l
G_rb_ch_v w_rn_d th_t th_ w_rld _s _n th_ br_nk _f _
n_w C_ld W_r. _r_n_c_lly, h_ m_d_ _ sp__ch
_xpl__n_ng why _n B_rl_n. H__cc_s_d th_ W_st _f_n_t
f_lf_ll_ng th_ pr_m_s_s _t m_d_ _ft_r 1989. H_ s__d
th_t: "Th_ w_rld _s _n th_ br_nk _f _n_w C_ld W_r.
S_m_ s_y th_t _t h_s _lr__dy b_g_n." H_ _ls_
cr_t_c_s_d th_ _n_t_d N_t__ns f_r d__ng s_l_ttl_.

Th_ B_rl_n W_ll _x_st_d b_tw__n 1961 _nd 1990. _t
c_mpl_t_ly c_t _ff l_nd _cc_ss t_ W_st B_rl_n fr_m
s_rr__nd_ng __st G_rm_ny. Th_ w_st_rn p_w_rs _f th_
S, G_rm_ny _nd Fr_nc_ c_ntr_ll_d l_f_ _n W_st
B_rl_n, wh_l_ c_mm_n_st __st G_rm_ny c_ntr_ll_d th_
r_st. Th_ b_rr__r _ncl_d_d g__rd t_w_rs pl_c_d _l_ng
l_rg_ c_ncr_t_ w_lls. _ny_n_ _tt_mpt_ng t_ cr_ss t_
th_ w_st w_s __th_r sh_t _r _rr_st_d by th_ __st
G_rm_n b_rdr p_l_c_. Th_ w_ll c_m_ t_ symb_l_s_ th_
"_r_n C_rt__n" th_t s_p_r_t_d W_st_rn __r_p_ _nd th_
__st_rn Bl_c_d_r_ng th_ C_ld W_r. _n 1989, _s_r__s _f
r_d_c_l_p_l_t_c_l_chng_s _cc_rr_d _n th_ __st_rn
Bl_c, wh_ch l_d t_ th_ W_ll c_m_ng d_wn _nd G_rm_ny
b__ng r__n_f__d _n _ct_b_r 1990.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about the Cold War. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Make a poster about international relations. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. COLD WAR: Write a magazine article about a possible new Cold War. Include imaginary interviews with world leaders.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on international relations. Ask him/her three questions about the Cold War. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to avert it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. represented | a. symbolised |
| 2. divided | b. split |
| 3. former | c. ex- |
| 4. fulfilling | d. carrying out |
| 5. criticised | e. attacked |
| 6. completely | f. totally |
| 7. surrounding | g. encircling |
| 8. radical | h. revolutionary |
| 9. series | i. sequence |
| 10. led to | j. resulted in |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The end of communism
2. Nuclear conflict
3. Mikhail Gorbachev
4. Promises
5. The United Nations
6. Land access
7. East Germany
8. Shoot or arrest them
9. In 1989
10. October

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. d 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)