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UN promises action on N Korea nuclear test

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THE READING

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The United Nations says it will begin work immediately to take action against North Korea. The UN believes a nuclear test that North Korea carried out could be a hydrogen bomb. This was the fourth time that North Korea tested a nuclear bomb. It could be the first time it has tested a hydrogen bomb, which is a lot more powerful than the atomic bombs dropped during World War II. The UN said: "A clear threat to international peace and security continues to exist." The UN has not said what action it would take against North Korea, nor when they would be put in place.

Not all countries agree on what to do about North Korea. The USA said it does not think the test was a hydrogen bomb because the explosion was too small. Both the USA and South Korea said the test was a dangerous move by North Korea. Japan wants the UN to act quickly. It said: "The authority and credibility of the [UN] will be put in question if it does not take these measures." China had strong words for North Korea. It said: "We strongly encourage North Korea to honour its de-nuclearisation promises and to stop taking any action that will make this situation worse."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-35247417>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. it will begin work | a. a hydrogen bomb |
| 2. a nuclear test that North Korea | b. peace |
| 3. This was the | c. it would take |
| 4. It could be the first time it has tested | d. carried out |
| 5. a lot more | e. in place |
| 6. A clear threat to international | f. powerful |
| 7. The UN has not said what action | g. fourth time |
| 8. nor when they would be put | h. immediately |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Not all countries agree | a. quickly |
| 2. The USA said it does not think the test | b. encourage North Korea |
| 3. the explosion was | c. worse |
| 4. Japan wants the UN to act | d. too small |
| 5. The authority and | e. on what to do |
| 6. We strongly | f. credibility of the UN |
| 7. honour its de-nuclearisation | g. was a hydrogen bomb |
| 8. make this situation | h. promises |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Not all countries (7) _____ do about North Korea. The USA said it does not (8) _____ was a hydrogen bomb because the explosion was too small. Both the USA and South Korea said the test was (9) _____ by North Korea. Japan wants the UN (10) _____. It said: "The authority and credibility of the [UN] will be put in question if it does not take these measures." China had strong words for North Korea. It said: "We (11) _____ North Korea to honour its de-nuclearisation promises and to stop taking any action that will make (12) _____."

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
