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U.S. must be world policeman, says ex-NATO boss

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THE ARTICLE

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The former chief of NATO, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, has said America needs to be the world's policeman to make sure the world is a safer place. Mr Rasmussen outlined his views in an interview with Britain's Sky News. He said America needed to intervene in the world's trouble spots to restore law and order. He said: "We need determined American global leadership." He stated that the USA had no choice but to act more forcefully, explaining that: "Syria is torn by war and conflict, Iraq is on the brink of collapse, Libya is a failed state,...Russia is attacking Ukraine and destabilising Eastern Europe, China is flexing its muscles, [and] the rogue state North Korea is threatening nuclear attacks."

Mr Rasmussen was particularly critical of President Barack Obama, whom he says has not done enough to prevent conflict. He said: "Superpowers don't get to retire. Look around; you will see a world on fire." The Russia Today (RT) newspaper questions the value of recent U.S. military interventions. It said U.S. foreign policy has led to greater instability in the Middle East and North Africa. It stated that Libya plunged into chaos after the ouster of Muammar Gaddafi with the US having no post-exit plan. RT added that U.S. policy in Iraq and Syria created one of the greatest global security threats in the form of ISIS. It went on to write that the Taliban still control a third of Afghanistan, even after the US spent 15 years there.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/america-needs-to-be-the-worlds-policeman-former-nato-chief-says-10642541>
<http://news.antiwar.com/2016/11/02/former-nato-chief-we-need-us-as-worlds-policeman/>
<https://www.rt.com/news/365262-rasmussen-nato-america-police/>

WARM-UPS

1. WORLD SECURITY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about world security. 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?

chief / policeman / a safer place / intervene / global leadership / choice / collapse / critical / superpowers / military / foreign policy / chaos / security threats / control

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

3. USA: Students A **strongly** believe the USA should be the world's policeman; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PEACE: What can these countries do to make the world a safer place? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What they can do	Will they do it?	Why (not)?
USA			
China			
Russia			
Iran			
Saudi Arabia			
India			

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

6. POLICEMAN / POLICEWOMAN: Rank these with your partner. Put the best country to be the world's policeman / policewoman at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- USA
- China
- Russia
- India
- Bhutan
- Great Britain
- Brazil
- Australia

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161105-world-policeman.html>

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

- a. An ex-boss of NATO said the USA would keep the world a safer place. **T / F**
- b. The ex-boss said US leadership was important to keep law and order. **T / F**
- c. The ex-boss said Syria was on the brink of collapse. **T / F**
- d. The ex-boss said China was threatening nuclear attacks. **T / F**
- e. The ex-boss praised Barack Obama for his foreign policy. **T / F**
- f. A Russian newspaper said the USA had made the world more unstable. **T / F**
- g. The newspaper said the USA had no post-exit plan after it left Libya. **T / F**
- h. The paper said the Taliban was in control of a third of Afghanistan. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. outlined | a. unsettling |
| 2. intervene | b. resolved |
| 3. order | c. usefulness |
| 4. determined | d. get involved |
| 5. destabilising | e. fault-finding |
| 6. critical | f. shape |
| 7. value | g. summarised |
| 8. plunged | h. mayhem |
| 9. chaos | i. fell sharply |
| 10. form | j. peace |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The former | a. security threats |
| 2. intervene in the | b. of collapse |
| 3. Iraq is on the brink | c. policy |
| 4. rogue | d. world's trouble spots |
| 5. nuclear | e. into chaos |
| 6. you will see a world on | f. chief of NATO |
| 7. foreign | g. a third of Afghanistan |
| 8. Libya plunged | h. state |
| 9. one of the greatest global | i. attacks |
| 10. the Taliban still control | j. fire |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161105-world-policeman.html>

The former (1) _____ of NATO, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, has said America needs to be the world's policeman to make sure the world is a safer place. Mr Rasmussen (2) _____ his views in an interview with Britain's Sky News. He said America needed to (3) _____ in the world's trouble spots to restore law and order. He said: We need (4) _____ American global leadership." He stated that the USA had no choice but to act more (5) _____, explaining that: "Syria is torn by war and conflict, Iraq is on the (6) _____ of collapse, Libya is a (7) _____ state,...Russia is attacking Ukraine and destabilising Eastern Europe, China is (8) _____ its muscles, [and] the rogue state North Korea is threatening nuclear attacks."

outlined
determined
brink
flexing
chief
failed
forcefully
intervene

Mr Rasmussen was particularly (9) _____ of President Barack Obama, whom he says has not done enough to (10) _____ conflict. He said: "Superpowers don't get to retire. Look around; you will see a world on (11) _____." The Russia Today (RT) newspaper questions the value of recent U.S. military interventions. It said U.S. foreign (12) _____ has led to greater instability in the Middle East and North Africa. It stated that Libya plunged into (13) _____ after the ouster of Muammar Gaddafi with the US having no (14) _____ -exit plan. RT added that U.S. policy in Iraq and Syria created one of the greatest global security (15) _____ in the form of ISIS. It went on to write that the Taliban still control a (16) _____ of Afghanistan, even after the US spent 15 years there.

policy
post
critical
fire
third
prevent
threats
chaos

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) America needs to be the world's policeman to make sure the world _____
 - a. is a safety place
 - b. is a safest place
 - c. is a safer place
 - d. is a safely place
- 2) America needed to intervene in the world's trouble spots to restore _____
 - a. laws and orders
 - b. law and order
 - c. laws and order
 - d. law and orders
- 3) Syria is torn by war and conflict, Iraq is on the _____
 - a. drink of collapse
 - b. rink of collapse
 - c. ink of collapse
 - d. brink of collapse
- 4) Russia is attacking Ukraine and destabilising Eastern Europe, China is _____
 - a. flexing its muscles
 - b. floating its muscles
 - c. fluffing its muscles
 - d. flossing its muscles
- 5) the rogue state North Korea is threatening _____
 - a. unclear attacks
 - b. unclean attacks
 - c. nuclear attacks
 - d. nucleus attacks
- 6) Superpowers don't get to retire. Look around; you will see _____
 - a. a world to fire
 - b. a world at fire
 - c. a world in fire
 - d. a world on fire
- 7) It said U.S. foreign policy has led to greater instability in _____
 - a. the Middle East
 - b. the Hub East
 - c. the Centre East
 - d. the Inner East
- 8) It stated that Libya plunged _____
 - a. into chase
 - b. into ethos
 - c. into chaos
 - d. into pathos
- 9) created one of the greatest global security threats _____ ISIS
 - a. in the form of
 - b. in the farm of
 - c. in the firm of
 - d. in the film of
- 10) It went on to write that the Taliban still control _____ Afghanistan
 - a. a thirdly of
 - b. a thirds of
 - c. a thrice of
 - d. a third of

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The (1) _____ NATO, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, has said America needs to be the world's policeman (2) _____ the world is a safer place. Mr Rasmussen outlined his views in an interview with Britain's Sky News. He said America needed (3) _____ world's trouble spots to restore law and order. He said: "We need determined American global leadership." He stated that the USA (4) _____ to act more forcefully, explaining that: "Syria is torn by war and conflict, Iraq (5) _____ collapse, Libya is a failed state,...Russia is attacking Ukraine and destabilising Eastern Europe, China is flexing its muscles, [and] (6) _____ North Korea is threatening nuclear attacks."

Mr Rasmussen was (7) _____ President Barack Obama, whom he says has not done enough to prevent conflict. He said: "Superpowers don't get to retire. Look around; (8) _____ world on fire." The Russia Today (RT) newspaper questions the value of recent U.S. military interventions. It said U.S. foreign policy has led to (9) _____ in the Middle East and North Africa. It stated that Libya plunged into chaos (10) _____ of Muammar Gaddafi with the US having no post-exit plan. RT added that U.S. policy in Iraq and Syria (11) _____ greatest global security threats in the form of ISIS. It went on to write that the Taliban still control a third of Afghanistan, (12) _____ US spent 15 years there.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161105-world-policeman.html>

1. What did the former NATO chief say the USA would make the world?
2. Which news channel was the former chief talking to?
3. What kind of spots did the former chief say America should intervene in?
4. What did the former chief say Iraq was on the brink of?
5. What did the former chief say China was flexing?
6. Who was the former chief critical of?
7. What did the former chief say does not retire?
8. What has Libya plunged into?
9. What did Russia Today say was one of the greatest security threats?
10. How much of Afghanistan did Russia Today say the Taliban controlled?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161105-world-policeman.html>

- 1) What did the former NATO chief say the USA would make the world?
 - a) perfect
 - b) safer
 - c) a place to invest
 - d) democratic
- 2) Which news channel was the former chief talking to?
 - a) NHK
 - b) CNN
 - c) Al Jazeera
 - d) Sky News
- 3) What kind of spots did the former chief say America should intervene in?
 - a) the world's trouble spots
 - b) hotspots
 - c) black spots
 - d) spotty spots
- 4) What did the former chief say Iraq was on the brink of?
 - a) disaster
 - b) war
 - c) collapse
 - d) defeat
- 5) What did the former chief say China was flexing?
 - a) minds
 - b) muscles
 - c) arms
 - d) power
- 6) Who was the former chief critical of?
 - a) Barack Obama
 - b) his boss
 - c) Syria's president
 - d) Vladimir Putin
- 7) What did the former chief say does not retire?
 - a) Barack Obama
 - b) the military
 - c) superpowers
 - d) foreign policy
- 8) What has Libya plunged into?
 - a) chaos
 - b) a pool
 - c) the unknown
 - d) the abyss
- 9) What did Russia Today say was one of the greatest security threats?
 - a) ISIS
 - b) NATO
 - c) USA
 - d) RT
- 10) How much of Afghanistan did Russia Today say the Taliban controlled?
 - a) two-fifths
 - b) three-quarters
 - c) two-thirds
 - d) a third

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161105-world-policeman.html>

Role A – The USA

You think the USA would be the world's best policeman / policewoman. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries wouldn't be so good. Also, tell the others which would be the worst of these (and why): India, Turkey or Bhutan.

Role B – India

You think India would be the world's best policeman / policewoman. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries wouldn't be so good. Also, tell the others which would be the worst of these (and why): the USA, Turkey or Bhutan.

Role C – Turkey

You think Turkey would be the world's best policeman / policewoman. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries wouldn't be so good. Also, tell the others which would be the worst of these (and why): India, the USA or Bhutan.

Role D – Bhutan

You think Bhutan would be the world's best policeman / policewoman. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries wouldn't be so good. Also, tell the others which would be the worst of these (and why): India, Turkey or the USA.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161105-world-policeman.html>

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

global	security
---------------	-----------------

- 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">• needs• spots• order• choice• torn• rogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• whom• retire• fire• Middle• chaos• 15
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WORLD SECURITY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about world security 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.

WORLD SECURITY 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 'policeman'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. Does the world need a 'policeman'?
5. What would the world be like if America was the official 'policeman'?
6. How dangerous is today's world?
7. What risks are there to your country from other countries?
8. What will happen to Syria, Iraq and Libya in the next few years?
9. Is China flexing its muscles a problem?
10. What threat is North Korea to global security?

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WORLD SECURITY 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 think of Barack Obama's foreign policy?
13. Do we need superpowers?
14. Could China, Russia and the USA work together for world peace?
15. Will the world ever be at peace?
16. Should the USA not intervene in the affairs of other countries?
17. Can the Middle East take care of its own affairs?
18. What will we be reading about ISIS in five years from now?
19. What will happen to Afghanistan in the next ten years?
20. What questions would you like to ask Barack Obama about the world?

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) chief | (b) chef | (c) chieftain | (d) chiefly |
| 2. | (a) safely | (b) safer | (c) safest | (d) safety |
| 3. | (a) blots | (b) dots | (c) spots | (d) plots |
| 4. | (a) thus | (b) so | (c) just | (d) but |
| 5. | (a) torn | (b) tarn | (c) tore | (d) tearing |
| 6. | (a) flipping | (b) flexing | (c) flossing | (d) flagging |
| 7. | (a) to | (b) from | (c) for | (d) of |
| 8. | (a) to | (b) on | (c) as | (d) in |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) to | (d) as |
| 10. | (a) chaotic | (b) chaos | (c) chasm | (d) pathos |
| 11. | (a) film | (b) farm | (c) firm | (d) form |
| 12. | (a) thrice | (b) third | (c) thirdly | (d) thirds |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. America needed to etnvinere
2. We need nedtremied American global leadership
3. Iraq is on the brink of cplesalo
4. China is flexing its eslsmcu
5. erguo state
6. North Korea is eihatgrntne nuclear attacks

Paragraph 2

7. particularly crclait of President Barack Obama
8. enough to prevent tilfconc
9. led to greater snaiyltbiti in the Middle East
10. Libya ngldpue into chaos
11. after the teorus of Muammar Gaddafi
12. global sityruec

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161105-world-policeman.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () write that the Taliban still control a third of Afghanistan, even after the US spent 15 years there.
- () its muscles, [and] the rogue state North Korea is threatening nuclear attacks."
- () sure the world is a safer place. Mr Rasmussen outlined his views in an interview
- () of collapse, Libya is a failed state,...Russia is attacking Ukraine and destabilising Eastern Europe, China is flexing
- () with Britain's Sky News. He said America needed to intervene in the world's trouble spots to restore law and
- () Mr Rasmussen was particularly critical of President Barack Obama, whom he says has not done
- () order. He said: "We need determined American global leadership." He stated that the USA had no
- () into chaos after the ouster of Muammar Gaddafi with the US having no post-exit plan. RT added that U.S. policy
- () in Iraq and Syria created one of the greatest global security threats in the form of ISIS. It went on to
- () enough to prevent conflict. He said: "Superpowers don't get to retire. Look around; you will see a world on
- () fire." The Russia Today (RT) newspaper questions the value of recent U.S. military interventions. It said U.S. foreign
- () policy has led to greater instability in the Middle East and North Africa. It stated that Libya plunged
- (**1**) The former chief of NATO, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, has said America needs to be the world's policeman to make
- () choice but to act more forcefully, explaining that: "Syria is torn by war and conflict, Iraq is on the brink

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. a sure safer the place world To is make .
2. the needed world's to trouble intervene spots in America .
3. but more USA choice act The no to forcefully had .
4. on brink collapse is the of Iraq .
5. Korea The is rogue threatening state nuclear North attacks .
6. the value of recent U.S. military interventions Questions .
7. foreign instability has led policy to U.S. greater .
8. stated Libya into It that plunged chaos .
9. the of one Created threats security global greatest .
10. control still Taliban The Afghanistan of third a .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161105-world-policeman.html>

The *former / firmer* chief of NATO, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, has said America needs to be the world's policeman to make *shore / sure* the world is a safer place. Mr Rasmussen *outlined / lined* his views in an interview with Britain's Sky News. He said America *needed / necessary* to intervene in the world's trouble spots to restore law and *ordering / order*. He said: "We need determined American global leadership." He stated that the USA had no choice *but / so* to act more forcefully, *explained / explaining* that: "Syria is torn *by / up* war and conflict, Iraq is on the brink of collapse, Libya is a failed *stating / state*,...Russia is attacking Ukraine and destabilising Eastern Europe, China is flexing its muscles, [and] the *rogue / vogue* state North Korea is threatening nuclear attacks."

Mr Rasmussen was particularly *crucial / critical* of President Barack Obama, whom he says has not *done / doing* enough to prevent conflict. He said: "Superpowers don't get to *rewire / retire*. Look around; you will see a world *on / in* fire." The Russia Today (RT) newspaper questions the value of *recently / recent* U.S. military interventions. It said U.S. foreign policy has led to greater *stable / instability* in the Middle East and North Africa. It stated that Libya plunged into *chaotic / chaos* after the ouster of Muammar Gaddafi with the US having no post-exit plan. RT added that U.S. policy in Iraq and Syria created one of the greatest global security *treats / threats* in the form of ISIS. It went *on / in* to write that the Taliban still control a third of Afghanistan, even after the US *spent / spending* 15 years there.

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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Th_ f_rm_r ch__f _f N_T_, _nd_rs F_gh R_sm_ss_n, h_s
s__d _m_r_c _n__ds t_b th_ w_rld's p_l_c_m_n t_
m_k_ s_r_ th_ w_rld _s _s_f_r pl_c_. Mr R_sm_ss_n
__tl_n_d h_s v__ws _n _n _nt_rv__w w_th Br_t__n's
Sky N_ws. H_ s__d _m_r_c _n__d_d t__nt_rv_n__n
th_ w_rld's tr__bl_sp_ts t_r_st_r_l_w _nd _rd_r. H_
s__d: W_ n__d d_t_rm_n_d _m_r_c_n gl_b_l
l__d_rsh_p." H_st_t_d th_t th_ _S_h_d_n_ch__c_b_t
t__ct m_r_f_rc_f_lly, _xpl__n_ng th_t: "Syr__s_t_rn
by w_r_nd c_nfl_ct, _r_q_s _n th_ br_nk _f_c_ll_ps_,
L_by__s _f__l_d st_t_,...R_ss__s _tt_ck_ng _kr__n_
_nd d_st_b_l_s_ng __st_rn __r_p_, Ch_n_ _s fl_x_ng
_ts m_scl_s, [_nd] th_r_g__st_t N_rth K_r__s
thr__t_n_ng n_cl__r _tt_cks."

Mr R_sm_ss_n w_s p_rt_c_l_rly cr_t_c_l _f Pr_s_d_nt
B_r_ck _b_m_, wh_m h_s ys h_s n_t d_n__n__gh_t
pr_v_nt c_nfl_ct. H_ s__d: "S_p_rp_w_rs d_n't g_t t_
r_t_r. L__k _r__nd; y__w_ll s__ _w_rld _n_f_r_."
Th_ R_ss__T_d_y (RT) n_wsp_p_r_q__st__ns th_ v_l__
_f_r_c_nt __.S. m_l_t_ry _nt_rv_nt__ns. _t s__d __.S.
f_r__gn p_l_cy h_s l_d_t_gr__t_r _nst_b_l_t_y _n th_
M_ddl_ __st _nd N_rth _fr_c_. _t st_t_d th_t L_by_
pl_ng_d _nt_ch__s _ft_r th_ __st_r _f M__mm_r
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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 NATO. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WORLD SECURITY: Make a poster about the threats to world security. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. USA AS WORLD POLICEMAN / POLICEWOMAN: Write a magazine article about the USA being the world's policeman / policewoman. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 world security. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make the world a safer place. 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 F d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. outlined | a. summarised |
| 2. intervene | b. get involved |
| 3. order | c. peace |
| 4. determined | d. resolved |
| 5. destabilising | e. unsettling |
| 6. critical | f. fault-finding |
| 7. value | g. usefulness |
| 8. plunged | h. fell sharply |
| 9. chaos | i. mayhem |
| 10. form | j. shape |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A safer place
2. Sky News
3. The world's trouble spots
4. Collapse
5. Its muscles
6. Barack Obama
7. Superpowers
8. Chaos
9. ISIS
10. A third

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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