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Level 1 – 29th November, 2019

China overtakes USA for most diplomatic posts

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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China now has more diplomatic posts around the world than any other country. Diplomatic posts represent a country overseas. China now has 276 diplomatic posts, while the USA has 273. They have the same number of embassies. China has more consulates. China overtook the USA after it opened five new embassies in the past two years. The embassies are in Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.

The diplomatic posts information is in a report called the Global Diplomacy Index. It shows China is having more influence in the world. It wants to be a bigger player in the world economy. A spokeswoman said: "China's network of overseas consulates can support...Beijing's economic ambitions." China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, but "U.S. diplomacy has entered a period of limbo".

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/11/26/asia/us-china-diplomacy-lowy-intl-hnk/index.html>
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<https://globaldiplomacyindex.lowyinstitute.org/>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. China now has the more | a. has 276 |
| 2. around the | b. embassies |
| 3. Diplomatic posts represent | c. two years |
| 4. China now | d. of embassies |
| 5. They have the same number | e. diplomatic posts |
| 6. China overtook | f. a country overseas |
| 7. it opened five new | g. the USA |
| 8. in the past | h. world |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. information is in a | a. presence |
| 2. having more influence | b. consulates |
| 3. It wants to be a | c. in the world |
| 4. the world | d. of limbo |
| 5. China's network of overseas | e. ambitions |
| 6. Beijing's economic | f. bigger player |
| 7. expanding its diplomatic | g. report |
| 8. entered a period | h. economy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China (1) _____ diplomatic posts around the world (2) _____ country. Diplomatic posts represent (3) _____. China now has 276 diplomatic posts, while the USA has 273. They have the same (4) _____. China has more consulates. China overtook the USA (5) _____ five new embassies in the past two years. The (6) _____ Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.

The diplomatic posts information (7) _____ report called the Global Diplomacy Index. It shows China (8) _____ influence in the world. It wants to be a bigger player in (9) _____. A spokeswoman said: "China's (10) _____ consulates can support...Beijing's economic ambitions." China (11) _____ diplomatic presence around the world, but "U.S. diplomacy has entered a (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DIPLOMACY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about diplomacy 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

