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Level 5 – 31st January, 2022

US general says invasion of Ukraine would be 'horrific'

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220131-ukraine-5.html>

A top US general has warned of "horrific" consequences of armed conflict in Ukraine. The general said any Russian action would result in many deaths. He said: "An invasion will not be cost-free in terms of casualties." He told reporters that Russia's 100,000 troops on Ukraine's border was very worrying. He said: "This is larger in scale and scope...than anything we have seen in recent memory, and I think you'd have to go back quite a while into the Cold War days to see something of this magnitude." Russia says it has no plans to invade. It says US support for Ukraine is the biggest threat.

Russia accused the USA and NATO of being the aggressors in the latest tensions. It says it is unacceptable for NATO forces to be so close to Russia's borders. Moscow called for Ukraine to be banned from joining NATO. The US rejected this request. NATO said Ukraine had the right to choose its own allies. Russia said NATO should end any military activity in Eastern Europe, and pull troops out of Poland and the Baltic states. It called for NATO not to deploy missiles in countries near or bordering Russia. Ukraine's president accused the West of creating "panic" over a possible invasion.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-60177929>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. armed | a. the Cold War days |
| 2. in terms | b. and scope |
| 3. This is larger in scale | c. plans to invade |
| 4. anything we have seen in | d. of casualties |
| 5. go back quite a while into | e. is the biggest threat |
| 6. see something of this | f. conflict |
| 7. Russia says it has no | g. magnitude |
| 8. US support for Ukraine | h. recent memory |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the aggressors in | a. missiles |
| 2. unacceptable for NATO forces | b. the latest tensions |
| 3. Moscow called for Ukraine to | c. panic |
| 4. The US rejected this | d. to be so close |
| 5. the right to choose | e. invasion |
| 6. It called for NATO not to deploy | f. be banned |
| 7. accused the West of creating | g. its own allies |
| 8. a possible | h. request |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A top US general has (1) _____ consequences of armed conflict in Ukraine. The general said any Russian action would result (2) _____. He said: "An invasion will not be cost-free in (3) _____." He told reporters that Russia's 100,000 troops on Ukraine's border was very worrying. He said: "This is larger in (4) _____...than anything we have seen in recent memory, and I think you'd have to go back (5) _____ into the Cold War days to see something of this magnitude." Russia says it has no plans to invade. It says US support for Ukraine is (6) _____.

Russia accused the USA and NATO of (7) _____ in the latest tensions. It says it is unacceptable for NATO forces to be so close to Russia's borders. Moscow called for Ukraine to be (8) _____ NATO. The US rejected this request. NATO said Ukraine had the right to choose (9) _____. Russia said NATO should end any military activity in Eastern Europe, and (10) _____ of Poland and the Baltic states. It called for NATO not (11) _____ in countries near or bordering Russia. Ukraine's president accused the West of (12) _____ a possible invasion.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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UKRAINE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220131-ukraine-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Ukraine 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) _____

