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Level 2 – 4th August, 2022

UN says nuclear annihilation is one mistake away

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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These are troubling times. We have the COVID-19 pandemic, a global cost of living crisis, and a changing climate. The U.N. has warned of another danger - nuclear annihilation. The UN's Antonio Guterres warned that one small mistake could lead to a nuclear war. He said international tensions were "reaching new highs". He said Ukraine, the Korean peninsula, and the Middle East were possible flashpoints. He said we are "lucky" so far to have avoided nuclear conflict. However, he said luck was neither a strategy nor a shield to stop global tensions "boiling over into nuclear conflict".

Guterres painted a worrying picture. He said the world is in danger at a level not seen in decades. He warned that: "Humanity is just one misunderstanding...away from nuclear annihilation." Guterres was speaking at a conference for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. He said now was the time to get the Treaty to "help the worrying world around us". He added: "Eliminating nuclear weapons is the only guarantee that they will never be used." There are almost 13,000 nuclear weapons around the world. The risks of nuclear proliferation are growing."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. These are troubling | a. so far |
| 2. a global cost of | b. tensions |
| 3. one small mistake could lead | c. conflict |
| 4. He said we are "lucky" | d. into nuclear conflict |
| 5. avoided nuclear | e. to a nuclear war |
| 6. luck was neither a strategy | f. times |
| 7. stop global | g. nor a shield |
| 8. boiling over | h. living crisis |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Guterres painted a worrying | a. the time |
| 2. a level not seen | b. away |
| 3. one misunderstanding | c. proliferation |
| 4. Guterres was speaking | d. the only guarantee |
| 5. He said now was | e. at a conference |
| 6. the worrying | f. picture |
| 7. Eliminating nuclear weapons is | g. world |
| 8. nuclear | h. in decades |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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These (1) _____. We have the COVID-19 pandemic, a global cost of living crisis, and (2) _____. The U.N. has warned of another danger - nuclear annihilation. The UN's Antonio Guterres warned that one small (3) _____ to a nuclear war. He said international tensions were "reaching new highs". He said Ukraine, the Korean peninsula, and (4) _____ were possible flashpoints. He said we are (5) _____ to have avoided nuclear conflict. However, he said luck was neither a strategy nor a shield to stop global tensions "(6) _____ nuclear conflict".

Guterres (7) _____ picture. He said the world is in danger at a level not (8) _____. He warned that: "Humanity is just one misunderstanding...away from nuclear annihilation." Guterres was speaking (9) _____ for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. He said now was the time to get the Treaty to "help (10) _____ around us". He added: "Eliminating nuclear weapons (11) _____ guarantee that they will never be used." There are almost 13,000 nuclear weapons around the world. The (12) _____ proliferation are growing."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about nuclear weapons 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) _____

