

## UN promises action on North Korea nuclear test

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The United Nations Security Council says it will "begin to work immediately" to take action against North Korea. The UN believes a nuclear test that North

Korea carried out on Wednesday could be a hydrogen bomb. This was the fourth time since 2006 that North Korea has tested a nuclear bomb, but it could be the first time it has tested a hydrogen bomb. A hydrogen bomb is a lot more powerful than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan during World War II. The UN said of North Korea's test that: "A clear threat to international peace and security continues to exist." However, the UN has not said what action it would take against North Korea, nor when any measures would be put in place.

Not all countries agree on what to do about North Korea's latest nuclear test. The USA said it does not think the test was a hydrogen bomb because the explosion was too small. A South Korean politician agreed. However, both the USA and South Korea said the test was a dangerous move by North Korea. Japan wants the UN to act quickly to take action. Japan's ambassador to the UN 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. Its government 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: BBC / Korea Times / China Daily

## Writing

North Korea is not a danger to world peace. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*immediately / take action / nuclear / hydrogen / international peace / security / action / agree / explosion / politician / dangerous / credibility / encourage / promises*

## True / False

- The UN will start to take action against North Korea immediately. T / F
- North Korea tested a nuclear bomb three times before this latest test. T / F
- This is the second time that North Korea has tested a hydrogen bomb. T / F
- The UN has not said what measures it will take against North Korea. T / F
- All countries agree on what to do with North Korea. T / F
- The USA doesn't think North Korea tested a hydrogen bomb. T / F
- China didn't say anything against North Korea's actions. T / F
- China strongly discouraged North Korea to keep its promises. T / F

## Synonym Match

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. begin       | a. see eye to eye |
| 2. powerful    | b. throughout     |
| 3. during      | c. actions        |
| 4. threat      | d. believability  |
| 5. measures    | e. act            |
| 6. agree       | f. danger         |
| 7. move        | g. start          |
| 8. credibility | h. support        |
| 9. encourage   | i. keep           |
| 10. honour     | j. strong         |

## Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- Why is North Korea testing nuclear weapons?
- What do you know about North Korea's nuclear testing?
- What power does the U.N. have to stop nuclear testing?
- Why doesn't North Korea listen to the UN?
- Why are other countries allowed to have nuclear weapons?
- Why don't all countries get rid of their nuclear weapons?
- What would happen if any country could have nuclear weapons?

# BreakingNewsEnglish - The Mini Lesson

## Phrase Match

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. it will begin                   | a. international peace   |
| 2. a nuclear test that North Korea | b. too small             |
| 3. This was the fourth time        | c. action it would take  |
| 4. A clear threat to               | d. worse                 |
| 5. the UN has not said what        | e. to work immediately   |
| 6. the explosion was               | f. since 2006            |
| 7. Japan's                         | g. credibility of the UN |
| 8. The authority and               | h. carried out           |
| 9. strong                          | i. ambassador to the UN  |
| 10. make this situation            | j. words                 |

## Discussion – Student B

- Which countries would worry about North Korea's weapons?
- What do you know about North Korea's leader?
- Why do you think China had strong words for North Korea?
- Is North Korea right to feel threatened by other countries?
- Do you think nuclear weapons will be used again in a war?
- What will relations with North Korea be like in 20 years from now?
- What advice do you have for North Korea's leader?
- What questions would you like to ask North Korea's leader?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. j	3. b	4. f	5. c
6. a	7. e	8. d	9. h	10. i

## Role Play

### Role A – Nuclear weapons

You think nuclear weapons are the biggest threat to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the smallest threat of these (and why): religious wars, global warming or Artificial Intelligence.

### Role B – Religious wars

You think religious wars are the biggest threat to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the smallest threat of these (and why): nuclear weapons, global warming or Artificial Intelligence.

### Role C – Global warming

You think global warming is the biggest threat to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the smallest threat of these (and why): religious wars, nuclear weapons or Artificial Intelligence.

### Role D – Artificial Intelligence

You think Artificial Intelligence is the biggest threat to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the smallest threat of these (and why): religious wars, global warming or nuclear weapons.

## Speaking – Threats

Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest threats to the world at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- nuclear weapons
- religious wars
- global warming
- Internet breakdown
- viruses
- Artificial Intelligence
- loss of biodiversity
- asteroids

### Answers – True False

a	T	b	T	c	F	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.