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## Level 3

### Putin warns of 'global catastrophe' over N Korea

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

Russia's president Vladimir Putin has warned that the crisis over North Korea could cause a "planetary catastrophe". He said if war broke out on the Korean Peninsula, there would be a huge loss of life. He told reporters at a meeting in China that talking and "peaceful dialogue" were the only ways to end the crisis. He warned the USA and North Korea that talking about military action and war was very dangerous. He said: "Ramping up military hysteria in such conditions is senseless. It's a dead end." Mr Putin said North Korea would never give up its nuclear programme. He said: "They will eat grass instead of stopping their nuclear programme, as long as they do not feel safe."

Tensions in Korea are reaching very dangerous levels. On Sunday, North Korea carried out its most powerful nuclear test ever. The United Nations Security Council met after to tell North Korea to stop its testing. Many countries called for stronger sanctions against North Korea. Mr Putin said sanctions have never worked and would never work. He said sanctions against North Korea would be useless and ineffective. The US ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, said North Korea was "begging for war" because of its words and actions. She said: "War is never something the United States wants. We don't want it now. But our country's patience is not unlimited. We will defend our allies and our territory."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. NORTH KOREA:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about North Korea. 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?

crisis / catastrophe / loss of life / peaceful / military action / war / nuclear / grass / tensions / powerful / sanctions / useless / actions / patience / allies / territory

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

**3. GLOBAL CATASTROPHE:** Students A **strongly** believe there would be a global catastrophe if there was war in North Korea; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. DISASTER:** What could happen if war broke out in North Korea? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What could happen?	How bad could it be?
Society		
Food		
Migration		
Trade		
Environment		
International relations		

**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. SOLUTIONS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best solutions to the N. Korea crisis at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- United Nations
- Pressure from China
- US leaving the region
- USA-N Korea talks
- Patience
- Military action
- Sanctions
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

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

- a. Vladimir Putin said there could be a "planetary catastrophe". **T / F**
- b. Vladimir Putin was speaking to reporters in South Korea. **T / F**
- c. Putin said talking was the only way to end the crisis. **T / F**
- d. Putin said N. Koreans would eat grass then end their nuclear program. **T / F**
- e. On Sunday, N. Korea carried out its first ever nuclear test. **T / F**
- f. Many countries want stronger sanctions against North Korea. **T / F**
- g. A US ambassador said she was begging for war. **T / F**
- h. The ambassador said the USA still had a lot of patience left. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. <b>planetary</b>  | a. cautioned |
| 2. <b>broke out</b>  | b. risky     |
| 3. <b>huge</b>       | c. end       |
| 4. <b>warned</b>     | d. very big  |
| 5. <b>give up</b>    | e. pleading  |
| 6. <b>dangerous</b>  | f. global    |
| 7. <b>sanctions</b>  | g. land      |
| 8. <b>begging</b>    | h. protect   |
| 9. <b>defend</b>     | i. started   |
| 10. <b>territory</b> | j. penalties |

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

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. could cause a planetary               | a. of life           |
| 2. there would be a huge loss            | b. end               |
| 3. military                              | c. never work        |
| 4. It's a dead                           | d. unlimited         |
| 5. as long as they                       | e. action            |
| 6. Tensions in Korea are reaching very   | f. catastrophe       |
| 7. Many countries called for stronger    | g. and our territory |
| 8. sanctions have never worked and would | h. do not feel safe  |
| 9. our country's patience is not         | i. sanctions         |
| 10. We will defend our allies            | j. dangerous levels  |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

Russia's president Vladimir Putin has warned that the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ over North Korea could cause a "planetary catastrophe". He said if war broke out on the Korean (2) \_\_\_\_\_, there would be a huge loss of life. He told (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at a meeting in China that talking and "peaceful (4) \_\_\_\_\_" were the only ways to end the crisis. He warned the USA and North Korea that talking about (5) \_\_\_\_\_ action and war was very dangerous. He said: "Ramping up military hysteria in such (6) \_\_\_\_\_ is senseless. It's a dead end." Mr Putin said North Korea would never give up its nuclear programme. He said: "They will eat (7) \_\_\_\_\_ instead of stopping their nuclear programme, as long as they do not feel (8) \_\_\_\_\_."

*grass*

*dialogue*

*Peninsular*

*conditions*

*crisis*

*reporters*

*safe*

*military*

Tensions in Korea are reaching very dangerous (9) \_\_\_\_\_. On Sunday, North Korea carried out its most (10) \_\_\_\_\_ nuclear test ever. The United Nations Security Council (11) \_\_\_\_\_ after to tell North Korea to stop its testing. Many countries called for stronger (12) \_\_\_\_\_ against North Korea. Mr Putin said sanctions have never worked and would never work. He said sanctions against North Korea would be useless and ineffective. The US (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to the UN, Nikki Haley, said North Korea was "begging for war" because of its words and (14) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "War is never something the United States wants. We don't want it now. But our country's (15) \_\_\_\_\_ is not unlimited. We will defend our allies and our (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*ambassador*

*patience*

*met*

*levels*

*territory*

*powerful*

*actions*

*sanctions*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) the crisis over North Korea could cause a " \_\_\_\_\_ "
  - a. plan it airy catastrophe
  - b. planet tally catastrophe
  - c. plane it all catastrophe
  - d. planetary catastrophe
- 2) if war broke out on the Korean Peninsular, there would be a \_\_\_\_\_ life
  - a. huge lots of
  - b. huge loss of
  - c. huge loss off
  - d. hugely loss of
- 3) talking and "peaceful dialogue" were the only ways to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ends the crisis
  - b. end the classics
  - c. end the critics
  - d. end the crisis
- 4) Ramping up military hysteria in such conditions is senseless. It's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a dead end
  - b. a death end
  - c. a deadly end
  - d. a deadened
- 5) They will eat grass instead of stopping their nuclear programme, as long as they \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. do not feel safety
  - b. do not fell safe
  - c. do not feel safe
  - d. do not feels safe
- 6) Tensions in Korea are reaching very \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. dangerously levels
  - b. dangerous level
  - c. dangerously level
  - d. dangerous levels
- 7) Many countries called for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. stranger sanctions
  - b. stronger sanctions
  - c. stronger suction
  - d. stranger suction
- 8) He said sanctions against North Korea \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. would be useful
  - b. would be useless
  - c. wouldn't be useless
  - d. would be useless
- 9) We don't want it now. But our country's patience \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is now unlimited
  - b. is not non-limited
  - c. is not unlimited
  - d. is not non-limiting
- 10) We will defend our allies and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. our terror tree
  - b. our territory
  - c. our territorial
  - d. our terrorists

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

Russia's president Vladimir Putin has warned that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ North Korea could cause a "planetary catastrophe". He said if war broke out on the Korean Peninsular, there would (2) \_\_\_\_\_ loss of life. He told (3) \_\_\_\_\_ meeting in China that talking and "peaceful dialogue" were the only ways (4) \_\_\_\_\_ crisis. He warned the USA and North Korea that talking about military action and war was very dangerous. He said: "(5) \_\_\_\_\_ military hysteria in such conditions is senseless. It's a dead end." Mr Putin said North Korea would never give up its nuclear programme. He said: "They will eat grass instead of stopping their nuclear programme, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ they do not feel safe."

Tensions in Korea (7) \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous levels. On Sunday, North Korea (8) \_\_\_\_\_ most powerful nuclear test ever. The United Nations Security Council (9) \_\_\_\_\_ tell North Korea to stop its testing. Many countries called for stronger sanctions against North Korea. Mr Putin said sanctions have never worked and would never work. He said sanctions against North Korea would be (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The US ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, said North Korea was "begging for war" (11) \_\_\_\_\_ words and actions. She said: "War is never something the United States wants. We don't want it now. But our country's patience is not unlimited. We will (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and our territory."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

1. What did Mr Putin say there would be a huge loss of if war broke out?
2. Where was Mr Putin when he talked to reporters?
3. What did Mr Putin say was the only way to end the crisis?
4. What did Mr Putin say North Korea would never give up?
5. What did Mr Putin say N. Koreans would eat the end is nuclear program?
6. What levels did tensions reach after N. Korea conducted a nuclear test?
7. What did the UN Security Council tell North Korea to stop?
8. Who is Nikki Haley?
9. What did Nikki Haley say North Korea was begging for?
10. What did Nikki Haley say wasn't limited with the USA?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

- 1) What did Mr Putin say there would be a huge loss of if war broke out?
  - a) life
  - b) money
  - c) land
  - d) face
- 2) Where was Mr Putin when he talked to reporters?
  - a) Russia
  - b) South Korea
  - c) China
  - d) North Korea
- 3) What did Mr Putin say was the only way to end the crisis?
  - a) money
  - b) sanctions
  - c) military attacks
  - d) dialogue
- 4) What did Mr Putin say North Korea would never give up?
  - a) peace
  - b) its military programme
  - c) its leaders
  - d) fighting
- 5) What did Mr Putin say N. Koreans would eat the end is nuclear program?
  - a) grass
  - b) its words
  - c) steak
  - d) Chinese food
- 6) What levels did tensions reach after N. Korea conducted a nuclear test?
  - a) new levels
  - b) low levels
  - c) high levels
  - d) dangerous levels
- 7) What did the UN Security Council tell North Korea to stop?
  - a) its hysteria
  - b) talking
  - c) its nuclear programme
  - d) the crisis
- 8) Who is Nikki Haley?
  - a) the US ambassador to N. Korea
  - b) the US ambassador to the UN
  - c) the US ambassador to China
  - d) the US ambassador to Russia
- 9) What did Nikki Haley say North Korea was begging for?
  - a) peace
  - b) the USA
  - c) war
  - d) food
- 10) What did Nikki Haley say wasn't limited with the USA?
  - a) actions
  - b) patience
  - c) allies
  - d) war

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Sanctions**

You think sanctions are the best way of ending the N. Korea crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pressure from China, US leaving the region or military action.

## **Role B – Pressure from China**

You think pressure from China is the best way of ending the N. Korea crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sanctions, US leaving the region or military action.

## **Role C – US Leaving the Region**

You think the US leaving the region is the best way of ending the N. Korea crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pressure from China, sanctions or military action.

## **Role D – Military Action**

You think military action is the best way of ending the N. Korea crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pressure from China, US leaving the region or sanctions.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

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

global	catastrophe

- 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"><li>• broke</li><li>• only</li><li>• dangerous</li><li>• such</li><li>• give</li><li>• safe</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• levels</li><li>• ever</li><li>• stronger</li><li>• useless</li><li>• words</li><li>• defend</li></ul>
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# GLOBAL CATASTROPHE SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

Write five GOOD questions about global catastrophe 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.

# GLOBAL CATASTROPHE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'global'?
3. How likely is it that war will break out in Korea?
4. How much of a crisis is this?
5. How important is talking?
6. Is talking the only way to end this crisis?
7. Who is saying the most dangerous words?
8. Why does North Korea want nuclear weapons?
9. Should North Korea give up its nuclear weapons programme?
10. What advice do you have for North Korea's leader?

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# GLOBAL CATASTROPHE 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 when you hear the word 'catastrophe'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the tensions in North Korea?
15. How effective would sanctions be on North Korea?
16. Why do you think the USA said North Korea is begging for war?
17. Should the United States have a lot more patience?
18. What kind of global catastrophe would happen if there was war?
19. What do you think this situation be like next year?
20. What questions would you like to ask Vladimir Putin?

# 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

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

Russia's president Vladimir Putin has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that the crisis over North Korea could (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a "planetary catastrophe". He said if war broke out on the Korean Peninsular, there would be a huge (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of life. He told reporters at a meeting in China that talking and "peaceful dialogue" were the only ways to end the crisis. He warned the USA and North Korea that talking about military action and war was very dangerous. He said: "Ramping up military hysteria in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ conditions is senseless. It's a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ end." Mr Putin said North Korea would never give up its nuclear programme. He said: "They will eat grass (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of stopping their nuclear programme, as long as they do not feel safe."

Tensions in Korea are reaching very dangerous (7) \_\_\_\_\_. On Sunday, North Korea carried out its most powerful nuclear test (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The United Nations Security Council met after to tell North Korea to stop its testing. Many countries called for (9) \_\_\_\_\_ sanctions against North Korea. Mr Putin said sanctions have never worked and would never work. He said sanctions against North Korea would be useless and (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The US ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, said North Korea was "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ for war" because of its words and actions. She said: "War is never something the United States wants. We don't want it now. But our country's patience is not unlimited. We will defend our (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and our territory."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |               |                |                 |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) warned    | (b) warmed    | (c) waned      | (d) warred      |
| 2.  | (a) case      | (b) cease     | (c) cause      | (d) crease      |
| 3.  | (a) lost      | (b) loser     | (c) loss       | (d) losses      |
| 4.  | (a) this      | (b) much      | (c) so         | (d) such        |
| 5.  | (a) dead      | (b) death     | (c) died       | (d) dying       |
| 6.  | (a) prefer    | (b) instead   | (c) rather     | (d) either      |
| 7.  | (a) rebels    | (b) revels    | (c) level      | (d) levels      |
| 8.  | (a) every     | (b) ever      | (c) event      | (d) even        |
| 9.  | (a) stranger  | (b) stringier | (c) stronger   | (d) stingier    |
| 10. | (a) affective | (b) confetti  | (c) reflective | (d) ineffective |
| 11. | (a) beggar    | (b) begged    | (c) beg        | (d) begging     |
| 12. | (a) tallies   | (b) allies    | (c) rallies    | (d) sallies     |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. the iicsrs over North Korea
2. if war obrke out
3. peaceful laudgioe
4. talking about rmiytial action
5. ... in such inndoscoti is senseless
6. give up its acnuelr programme

## Paragraph 2

7. very dangerous eevlls
8. insnctsao against North Korea
9. sselseu and ineffective
10. The US ramabodssa to the UN
11. our country's iencetap is not unlimited
12. We will defend our asleil



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) to end the crisis. He warned the USA and North Korea that talking about military action and war was very
- ( ) catastrophe". He said if war broke out on the Korean Peninsular, there would be a huge loss
- ( ) end." Mr Putin said North Korea would never give up its nuclear programme. He said: "They will eat
- ( ) grass instead of stopping their nuclear programme, as long as they do not feel safe."
- ( **1** ) Russia's president Vladimir Putin has warned that the crisis over North Korea could cause a "planetary
- ( ) testing. Many countries called for stronger sanctions against North Korea. Mr Putin said sanctions have never
- ( ) ineffective. The US ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, said North Korea was "begging for
- ( ) worked and would never work. He said sanctions against North Korea would be useless and
- ( ) Tensions in Korea are reaching very dangerous levels. On Sunday, North Korea carried
- ( ) of life. He told reporters at a meeting in China that talking and "peaceful dialogue" were the only ways
- ( ) out its most powerful nuclear test ever. The United Nations Security Council met after to tell North Korea to stop its
- ( ) want it now. But our country's patience is not unlimited. We will defend our allies and our territory."
- ( ) war" because of its words and actions. She said: "War is never something the United States wants. We don't
- ( ) dangerous. He said: "Ramping up military hysteria in such conditions is senseless. It's a dead

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

1. would There life of loss huge a be .
2. were dialogue peaceful and Talking ways only the .
3. about was military very action dangerous and Talking war .
4. programme give North up Korea its would nuclear never .
5. of They eat instead stopping will grass .
6. are Korea in Tensions levels dangerous very reaching .
7. sanctions countries against called N for Korea stronger Many .
8. never never have Sanctions work and worked would .
9. said would sanctions be against useless North He Korea .
10. patience not But country's is unlimited our .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe.html>

Russia's president Vladimir Putin has warned that the crisis *under / over* North Korea could *cause / because* a "planetary catastrophe". He said if war broke *in / out* on the Korean Peninsular, there would be a huge *lost / loss* of life. He told reporters at *the / a* meeting in China that talking and "peaceful dialogue" were the only *ways / way* to end the crisis. He warned the USA and North Korea that talking about military action and war *were / was* very dangerous. He said: "Ramping *up / down* military hysteria in such conditions is senseless. It's a dead end." Mr Putin said North Korea would never give up its nuclear programme. He said: "They will eat grass *rather / instead* of stopping their nuclear programme, as long as they do not *feel / feeling* safe."

Tensions in Korea *are / is* reaching very dangerous levels. On Sunday, North Korea carried out its most powerful nuclear test *even / ever*. The United Nations Security Council *meet / met* after to tell North Korea to stop its testing. Many countries *called / calling* for stronger sanctions against North Korea. Mr Putin said sanctions have never *works / worked* and would never work. He said sanctions against North Korea would be *useful / useless* and ineffective. The US ambassador *by / to* the UN, Nikki Haley, said North Korea was "begging for war" because of its *word / words* and actions. She said: "War is never something the United States wants. We don't want it *now / know*. But our country's patience is not unlimited. We will defend our allies and *your / our* territory."

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

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Write about **North Korea** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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Military action is never an answer to any problem. Discuss.

Lined writing area consisting of 20 horizontal lines.



# 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 this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. NORTH KOREA:** Make a poster about North Korea. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. MILITARY ACTION:** Write a magazine article about whether or not military action would work with North Korea. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 North Korea. Ask him/her three questions about the country. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to solve this crisis. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b F    c T    d T    e F    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------|--------------|
| 1. planetary  | a. global    |
| 2. broke out  | b. started   |
| 3. huge       | c. very big  |
| 4. warned     | d. cautioned |
| 5. give up    | e. end       |
| 6. dangerous  | f. risky     |
| 7. sanctions  | g. penalties |
| 8. begging    | h. pleading  |
| 9. defend     | i. protect   |
| 10. territory | j. land      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Life
2. China
3. Peaceful dialogue
4. Its nuclear programme
5. Grass
6. Dangerous levels
7. Its testing
8. The US ambassador to the UN
9. War
10. Patience

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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