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Level 0

China and Russia lead race to make hypersonic missiles

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The USA is worried about hypersonic missiles. These can travel 20 times the speed of sound. They are a security problem for the USA. It could not stop Russia or China using these missiles, so it needs its nuclear weapons. U.S. President Donald Trump will meet Russian President Vladimir Putin soon to talk about the arms race.

Russia tested a hypersonic missile this month. President Putin said Russia needs the weapons because "unlawful sanctions" hurt Russia's development. He said: "You have failed to contain Russia." Mr Putin says the missiles can "strike like a fireball". The poisoning of a Russian spy in England this month has made relations worse.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. The USA is | a. soon |
| 2. 20 times the speed | b. using these missiles |
| 3. They are a security problem | c. of sound |
| 4. It could not | d. race |
| 5. Russia or China | e. weapons |
| 6. nuclear | f. stop |
| 7. meet Russian President Vladimir Putin | g. worried |
| 8. talk about the arms | h. for the USA |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Russia tested a hypersonic missile | a. contain Russia |
| 2. Russia needs | b. sanctions |
| 3. unlawful | c. worse |
| 4. hurt Russia's | d. the weapons |
| 5. You have failed to | e. Russian spy |
| 6. strike like a | f. development |
| 7. The poisoning of a | g. this month |
| 8. made relations | h. fireball |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The USA (1) _____ hypersonic missiles. These can travel 20 times the (2) _____. They are a security problem for the USA. It (3) _____ Russia or China using these missiles, (4) _____ its nuclear weapons. U.S. President Donald Trump (5) _____ President Vladimir Putin soon to talk about (6) _____.

Russia tested a hypersonic (7) _____. President Putin said Russia (8) _____ because "unlawful sanctions" hurt Russia's development. He said: "(9) _____ to contain Russia." Mr Putin says the missiles can "strike (10) _____. The poisoning of (11) _____ in England this month has (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MISSILES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about missiles 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **missiles** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
