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Level 1

Scientists say end of world is 30 seconds closer

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists from the BPA have said the world is more dangerous in 2017. BPA scientists are experts on nuclear weapons, climate change and new technology. They set the Doomsday Clock, which shows how close the world is to disaster. The BPA changed the clock's time to two-and-a-half minutes to midnight. This is the closest it has been to midnight (the Apocalypse) since 1953, when the USA and Russia tested hydrogen bombs.

The BPA said President Donald Trump's views on climate change, nuclear weapons, immigration and terrorism added to global risk. It warned: "The probability of global catastrophe is very high, and the actions needed to reduce the risks of disaster must be taken very soon." The BPA chief hoped the clock's new time would help people around the world to, "hold their leaders responsible for delivering a safer and healthier planet".

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-38760792>
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/speaking-of-science/wp/2017/01/26/the-doomsday-clock-just-moved-again-its-now-two-and-a-half-minutes-to-midnight/>
<http://thebulletin.org/sites/default/files/Final%202017%20Clock%20Statement.pdf>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the world is more | a. world is to disaster |
| 2. BPA scientists | b. weapons |
| 3. nuclear | c. been to midnight |
| 4. shows how close the | d. to midnight |
| 5. The BPA changed the clock's | e. dangerous |
| 6. two-and-a-half minutes | f. hydrogen bombs |
| 7. This is the closest it has | g. are experts |
| 8. the USA and Russia tested | h. time |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. views | a. is very high |
| 2. terrorism added | b. responsible |
| 3. The probability of global catastrophe | c. on climate change |
| 4. reduce the risks | d. healthier planet |
| 5. the clock's new | e. the world |
| 6. help people around | f. of disaster |
| 7. hold their leaders | g. to global risk |
| 8. delivering a safer and | h. time |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists from the BPA have (1) _____ is more dangerous in 2017. BPA scientists (2) _____ on nuclear weapons, climate (3) _____ technology. They set the Doomsday Clock, which shows how close the world is to disaster. The BPA changed (4) _____ to two-and-a-half minutes to midnight. This (5) _____ it has been to midnight (the Apocalypse) since 1953, when the USA and Russia (6) _____ bombs.

The BPA said President Donald Trump's (7) _____ climate change, nuclear weapons, immigration and terrorism (8) _____ risk. It warned: "The (9) _____ global catastrophe is very high, and the actions needed (10) _____ risks of disaster must be taken very soon." The BPA chief hoped the clock's new time would (11) _____ around the world to, "hold their leaders responsible (12) _____ safer and healthier planet".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE END OF THE WORLD SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the world today 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 **the world today** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
