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## **Level 2**

### **Trump fires up North Korea nuclear tensions**

**12th August, 2017**

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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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President Donald Trump warned North Korea again over its plans to fire weapons. The war of words between Mr Trump and North Korea is getting worse. Countries in the region are worried that the war of words could turn into a real war. Tensions increased a lot this week when North Korea said it had nuclear warheads small enough to fit inside its missiles. Trump then warned: "North Korea best not make any more threats....They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen." North Korea responded by promising to fire missiles off the coast of the US territory of Guam.

North Korea said Trump's words were "nonsense". Mr Trump then warned the North Koreans again. He said his "fire and fury" statement "wasn't tough enough" and that North Korea should "be very, very nervous". He said China could do more to reduce tensions. The USA's Arms Control Association said Mr Trump should stop using such strong words to avoid a military conflict. It said: "Recent [talk] from Trump is a dangerous and ineffective strategy to halt North Korea's nuclear development and could trigger a military conflict that would not be in the U.S. interest."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. fire                       | a. and fury            |
| 2. war of                     | b. missiles            |
| 3. nuclear                    | c. weapons             |
| 4. small enough to fit        | d. territory of Guam   |
| 5. They will be met with fire | e. words               |
| 6. North Korea                | f. warheads            |
| 7. promising to fire          | g. responded           |
| 8. off the coast of the US    | h. inside its missiles |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. North Korea said Trump's words | a. conflict          |
| 2. wasn't tough                   | b. very nervous      |
| 3. North Korea should be very,    | c. the U.S. interest |
| 4. do more to reduce              | d. were "nonsense"   |
| 5. avoid a military               | e. conflict          |
| 6. halt North Korea's nuclear     | f. enough            |
| 7. trigger a military             | g. development       |
| 8. would not be in                | h. tensions          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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North Korea said Trump's (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Trump then warned the North Koreans again. He said his "fire and fury" statement "wasn't (8) \_\_\_\_\_" and that North Korea should "be very, very nervous". He said China could do more (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The USA's Arms Control Association said Mr Trump should (10) \_\_\_\_\_ strong words to avoid a military conflict. It said: "Recent [talk] from Trump is a dangerous and ineffective (11) \_\_\_\_\_ North Korea's nuclear development and could (12) \_\_\_\_\_ conflict that would not be in the U.S. interest."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# NUCLEAR TENSIONS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1708/170812-fire-and-fury-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about nuclear tensions 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) \_\_\_\_\_

