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Putin warns of 'global catastrophe' over N Korea

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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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Vladimir Putin warned that the North Korean crisis could cause a "planetary catastrophe". He said war would cause a huge loss of life. He told reporters that talking was the only answer. He warned the USA and North Korea that military action was very dangerous. Mr Putin said North Korea would never stop 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 at dangerous levels because North Korea carried out its biggest ever nuclear test. The UN told North Korea to stop its testing. Many countries want strong sanctions against North Korea. Mr Putin said sanctions would never work and they would be useless. A US ambassador said North Korea was "begging for war". She said: "War is never something the US wants. We don't want it now. But our...patience is not unlimited. We will defend our allies."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/sep/05/south-korea-minister-redeploying-us-nuclear-weapons-tensions-with-north>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the North Korean | a. nuclear programme |
| 2. cause a planetary | b. programme |
| 3. cause a huge loss | c. crisis |
| 4. military | d. feel safe |
| 5. North Korea would never stop its | e. instead |
| 6. They will eat grass | f. of life |
| 7. stopping their nuclear | g. catastrophe |
| 8. as long as they do not | h. action |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. Tensions in Korea are at | a. the US wants |
| 2. carried out its biggest ever | b. work |
| 3. strong sanctions | c. our allies |
| 4. sanctions would never | d. dangerous levels |
| 5. A US ambassador said North Korea was | e. unlimited |
| 6. War is never something | f. against North Korea |
| 7. our patience is not | g. "begging for war" |
| 8. We will defend | h. nuclear test |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Vladimir Putin warned that the North Korean (1) _____ a "planetary catastrophe". He said war would (2) _____ loss of life. He told reporters that talking was (3) _____. He warned the USA and North Korea that (4) _____ very dangerous. Mr Putin said North Korea would never stop its nuclear programme. He said: "They (5) _____ instead of stopping their nuclear programme, as long as they (6) _____."

Tensions in Korea (7) _____ levels because North Korea (8) _____ biggest ever nuclear test. The UN told North Korea (9) _____ testing. Many countries want strong (10) _____ North Korea. Mr Putin said sanctions would never work and they would be useless. A US ambassador said North Korea was "(11) _____". She said: "War is never something the US wants. We don't want it now. But our...patience is not unlimited. We will (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GLOBAL CATASTROPHE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe-4.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.

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) _____

