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Ex-Soviet leader warns of new Cold War

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THE READING

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The Berlin Wall came down 25 years ago. For many, it represented the end of communism and the Cold War in Europe. It also reduced the likelihood of nuclear conflict. Hope sprang up as the wall came tumbling down. Two-and-a-half decades later, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev warned that the world is on the brink of a new Cold War. He explained why in a speech he gave in Berlin. He said the West had not fulfilled promises it made after 1989. He said: "The world is on the brink of a new Cold War. Some say that it has already begun." He also criticised the U.N. for doing so little.

The Berlin Wall existed between 1961 and 1990. It completely isolated West Berlin. Western powers controlled life in West Berlin, while East Germany controlled the rest. The barrier had guard towers on top of large concrete walls. Anyone who tried to cross to the west was either shot or arrested by the East German border police. The wall symbolised the "Iron Curtain" that separated Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc. In 1989, a series of major political changes in the Eastern Bloc led to the Wall coming down. Germany was reunified in October 1990.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Berlin Wall came | a. nuclear conflict |
| 2. it represented the end | b. promises it made |
| 3. reduced the likelihood of | c. wall came tumbling down |
| 4. Hope sprang up as the | d. Soviet leader |
| 5. former | e. down 25 years ago |
| 6. fulfilled | f. doing so little |
| 7. on the brink | g. of communism |
| 8. criticised the U.N. for | h. of a new Cold War |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The Berlin Wall existed | a. powers |
| 2. It completely | b. Bloc |
| 3. Western | c. police |
| 4. guard towers on top of | d. "Iron Curtain" |
| 5. border | e. between 1961 and 1990 |
| 6. The wall symbolised the | f. reunified in October |
| 7. the Eastern | g. isolated West Berlin |
| 8. Germany was | h. large concrete walls |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Berlin Wall came down 25 years ago. For (1) _____ the end of communism and the Cold War in Europe. It also reduced the (2) _____ conflict. Hope sprang up as the wall came tumbling down. Two-(3) _____, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev (4) _____ is on the brink of a new Cold War. He explained why in a speech he gave in Berlin. He said the West had not (5) _____ after 1989. He said: "The world is on the brink of a new Cold War. Some say that it has already begun." He also criticised the (6) _____.

The Berlin Wall (7) _____ and 1990. It completely isolated West Berlin. Western powers controlled life in West Berlin, while East Germany (8) _____. The barrier had guard towers on top of large concrete walls. Anyone who tried to cross (9) _____ shot or arrested by the East German border police. The wall symbolised the (10) _____ separated Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc. In 1989, (11) _____ political changes in the Eastern Bloc led to the Wall coming down. Germany (12) _____ October 1990.

THE COLD WAR SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Cold War 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

