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Level 6

Russia says NATO is its biggest threat

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141229-nato.html>

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a new military doctrine that says NATO is one of Russia's biggest dangers. NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is a defence treaty that started in 1949. It consists of North American and European countries who guarantee to act if any member state is threatened militarily. Tensions between Russia and NATO have existed since the end of WWII. The rival, Russian-led Warsaw Pact started in 1955 and led to the Cold War between the East and West intensifying. Strained relations have surfaced once again with former Russian ally Ukraine making fresh steps to join NATO. Russia accused NATO this week of turning Ukraine into a "frontline of confrontation".

The new doctrine has stated that for the first time, Russia would use conventional weapons "as part of strategic deterrent measures" if it sees its territory is under threat. A NATO spokeswoman said the organization was complying with international law over Ukraine and was not threatening Russia in any way. She said: "Should Ukraine decide to apply for NATO membership, NATO will assess its readiness to join the alliance in the same way as with any candidate. This is an issue between NATO and the individual countries aspiring to membership." She added: "It is Russia's actions...in Ukraine which are breaking international law and undermining European security."

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WARM-UPS

1. NATO: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about NATO. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

military / doctrine / dangers / guarantee / threatened / tensions / Cold War / frontline / conventional weapons / deterrent / international law / membership / security

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DANGERS: What are the biggest dangers that threaten international relations? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How big a danger?	Example(s)	Resolutions
Territorial disputes			
Religion			
Water			
Terrorism			
Drugs			
Nuclear weapons			

4. EXPANSION: Students A **strongly** believe NATO should not expand any more; Students B **strongly** believe it should. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. TREATY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "treaty". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141229-nato.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Russia's president signed a document stating the danger of NATO. | T / F |
| b. NATO started as an organization in 1994. | T / F |
| c. The rival to NATO used to be the Warsaw Pact. | T / F |
| d. Russia said NATO is using Ukraine as a basis for confrontation. | T / F |
| e. Russia said it will use conventional weapons as a deterrent. | T / F |
| f. NATO said it knew its actions were outside of international law. | T / F |
| g. NATO said it will treat Ukraine's membership application differently. | T / F |
| h. NATO said Russia's actions over Ukraine reinforced European security. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. doctrine | a. orthodox |
| 2. dangers | b. promise |
| 3. guarantee | c. hostility |
| 4. intensifying | d. evaluate |
| 5. confrontation | e. set of beliefs |
| 6. conventional | f. weakening |
| 7. complying with | g. escalating |
| 8. assess | h. matter |
| 9. issue | i. abiding by |
| 10. undermining | j. threats |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. President Vladimir Putin has signed | a. surfaced once again |
| 2. a defence treaty that | b. measures |
| 3. guarantee | c. of confrontation |
| 4. Strained relations have | d. to join the alliance |
| 5. a frontline | e. weapons |
| 6. use conventional | f. a new military doctrine |
| 7. strategic deterrent | g. international law |
| 8. complying with | h. started in 1949 |
| 9. NATO will assess its readiness | i. European security |
| 10. undermining | j. to act |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141229-nato.html>

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a new (1) _____ doctrine that says NATO is one of Russia's biggest (2) _____. NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is a defence (3) _____ that started in 1949. It consists of North American and European countries who (4) _____ to act if any member state is threatened militarily. Tensions between Russia and NATO have (5) _____ since the end of WWII. The rival, Russian-led Warsaw Pact started in 1955 and led to the Cold War between the East and West intensifying. Strained (6) _____ have surfaced once again with former Russian (7) _____ Ukraine making fresh steps to join NATO. Russia accused NATO this week of turning Ukraine into a "frontline of (8) _____".

treaty
military
relations
dangers
existed
confrontation
ally
guarantee

The new doctrine has stated that for the first time, Russia would use conventional (9) _____ "as part of strategic deterrent (10) _____ " if it sees its territory is under threat. A NATO spokeswoman said the organization was (11) _____ with international law over Ukraine and was not threatening Russia in any way. She said: "Should Ukraine decide to (12) _____ for NATO membership, NATO will assess its readiness to join the (13) _____ in the same way as with any (14) _____. This is an issue between NATO and the (15) _____ countries aspiring to membership." She added: "It is Russia's actions...in Ukraine which are breaking international law and undermining European (16) _____."

complying
alliance
measures
individual
weapons
security
apply
candidate

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is a defence _____ in 1949
 - a. treaties that started
 - b. treatise that started
 - c. treaty that started
 - d. treat tea that started
- 2) countries who guarantee to act if any member state is _____
 - a. threatened military
 - b. threatened militarily
 - c. threatened military lea
 - d. threatened militia rally
- 3) Tensions between Russia and NATO have existed _____ WWII
 - a. since an end of
 - b. since the end of
 - c. since all end of
 - d. since one end of
- 4) Strained relations have surfaced once again with _____ Ukraine
 - a. farmer Russian ally
 - b. firmer Russian ally
 - c. framer Russian ally
 - d. former Russian ally
- 5) Russia accused NATO this week of turning Ukraine into a " _____ "
 - a. frontline off confrontation
 - b. frontline on confrontation
 - c. frontline of confrontation
 - d. frontline for confrontation
- 6) The new doctrine has stated that for the first time, Russia _____ weapons
 - a. would use confection all
 - b. would use conventional
 - c. would use convectional
 - d. would use convention hall
- 7) A NATO spokeswoman said the organization was complying _____
 - a. to international law
 - b. within international law
 - c. with international law
 - d. for international law
- 8) NATO will assess its readiness to join the alliance in the same _____ candidate
 - a. way as with some
 - b. way as with many
 - c. way as with much
 - d. way as with any
- 9) This is an issue between NATO and the individual countries _____ membership
 - a. aspire ring to
 - b. aspire in too
 - c. aspiring too
 - d. aspiring to
- 10) breaking international law and undermining _____
 - a. European securities
 - b. European security
 - c. European secure city
 - d. European secure cities

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141229-nato.html>

1. Who signed a new military doctrine?

2. When did NATO start?

3. What started in 1955?

4. Which country has tried to join NATO again recently?

5. What did Russia say NATO was using as a form of confrontation?

6. What would Russia use for the first time as a strategic deterrent?

7. Who did NATO say it was not threatening?

8. What will NATO assess if Ukraine decides to apply for membership?

9. Which of Russia's actions did NATO say was breaking international law?

10. What did NATO say Russia was undermining?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141229-nato.html>

1. Who signed a new military doctrine?
 - a) Ukraine
 - b) Vladimir Putin
 - c) Barack Obama
 - d) NATO
2. When did NATO start?
 - a) 1946
 - b) 1947
 - c) 1948
 - d) 1949
3. What started in 1955?
 - a) the Warsaw Pact
 - b) the United Nations
 - c) the USSR
 - d) the EU
4. Which country has tried to join NATO again recently?
 - a) Iceland
 - b) Mexico
 - c) Ukraine
 - d) Uzbekistan
5. What did Russia say NATO was using as a form of confrontation?
 - a) weapons
 - b) Ukraine
 - c) oil
 - d) exchange rates
6. What would Russia use for the first time as a strategic deterrent?
 - a) nuclear weapons
 - b) its UN veto
 - c) conventional weapons
 - d) oil and gas
7. Who did NATO say it was not threatening?
 - a) peacekeeping forces
 - b) the UN
 - c) Ukrainians
 - d) Russia
8. What will NATO assess if Ukraine decides to apply for membership?
 - a) Ukraine's readiness to join
 - b) the political situation
 - c) economics
 - d) Russia's weapons
9. Which of Russia's actions did NATO say was breaking international law?
 - a) those concerning Ukraine
 - b) those concerning the World Cup
 - c) those concerning oil and gas prices
 - d) those concerning the UN
10. What did NATO say Russia was undermining?
 - a) hopes for 2015
 - b) European security
 - c) world peace
 - d) its own economy

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Religion

You think religion is the biggest threat to international relations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as big a threat. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): terrorism, nuclear weapons or territorial disputes.

Role B – Terrorism

You think terrorism is the biggest threat to international relations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as big a threat. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): religion, nuclear weapons or territorial disputes.

Role C – Nuclear weapons

You think nuclear weapons are the biggest threat to international relations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as big a threat. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): terrorism, religion or territorial disputes.

Role D – Territorial disputes

You think territorial disputes are the biggest threat to international relations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as big a threat. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): terrorism, nuclear weapons or religion.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141229-nato.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'military' and 'doctrine'.

military	doctrine
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new• 1949• act• end• 1955• week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• time• part• complying• way• issue• security
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NATO SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about NATO 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.

NATO DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'NATO'?
- 3) What do you know about NATO?
- 4) Is Russia right to view NATO as a danger?
- 5) What do you know about the Cold War?
- 6) How dangerous is the tension between Russia and NATO?
- 7) What can other countries do to ease relations?
- 8) Why is Russia so against Ukraine joining NATO?
- 9) How would the balance of power change with Ukraine in NATO?
- 10) What advice would you give to Ukraine's leader?

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NATO DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What would happen if Russia struck a NATO country?
- 13) Do you think any part of Russia is under threat from NATO?
- 14) Can the issues between Russia and NATO be resolved in court?
- 15) What are the good and bad things about NATO?
- 16) Why are Russia and NATO still seemingly on Cold War terms?
- 17) What three adjectives best describe this situation (and why)?
- 18) What do you think will happen over the next few years?
- 19) Do you think Russia is breaking international law?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Vladimir Putin?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) singed | (b) signaled | (c) signed | (d) signage |
| 2. | (a) Atlantic | (b) Antarctic | (c) American | (d) Alliance |
| 3. | (a) warrantee | (b) guarantee | (c) warranted | (d) guarantor |
| 4. | (a) excited | (b) exacted | (c) exited | (d) existed |
| 5. | (a) rivalry | (b) rivalries | (c) rival | (d) rivals |
| 6. | (a) dally | (b) ally | (c) pally | (d) rally |
| 7. | (a) deterrent | (b) prevent | (c) circumvent | (d) prevalent |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) for | (c) to | (d) with |
| 9. | (a) many | (b) which | (c) any | (d) such |
| 10. | (a) readily | (b) ready | (c) readied | (d) readiness |
| 11. | (a) has | (b) as | (c) was | (d) is |
| 12. | (a) undermining | (b) underpinning | (c) underlying | (d) underling |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a new military tocdrnei
2. a defence ettayr
3. countries who etaeugnra to act
4. threatened rmiitllyai
5. eidatsnr relations
6. a frontline of aonntciortfno

Paragraph 2

7. ctnnolnvaoei weapons
8. strategic redntere measures
9. gmcynloip with international law
10. join the lcaeanli
11. dlvnidui countries
12. srpnigia to membership

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	part of strategic deterrent measures" if it sees its territory is under threat. A NATO spokeswoman said the organization
()	of WWII. The rival, Russian-led Warsaw Pact started in 1955 and led to the Cold War between the East and West
()	act if any member state is threatened militarily. Tensions between Russia and NATO have existed since the end
()	"Should Ukraine decide to apply for NATO membership, NATO will assess its readiness to join
()	started in 1949. It consists of North American and European countries who guarantee to
()	Ukraine which are breaking international law and undermining European security."
()	NATO and the individual countries aspiring to membership." She added: "It is Russia's actions...in
()	The new doctrine has stated that for the first time, Russia would use conventional weapons "as
()	intensifying. Strained relations have surfaced once again with former Russian ally Ukraine making fresh
()	steps to join NATO. Russia accused NATO this week of turning Ukraine into a "frontline of confrontation".
()	Russia's biggest dangers. NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is a defence treaty that
()	was complying with international law over Ukraine and was not threatening Russia in any way. She said:
()	the alliance in the same way as with any candidate. This is an issue between
(1)	Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a new military doctrine that says NATO is one of

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. has new Putin a doctrine Vladimir signed military President.

2. to any is Guarantee if state act member threatened.

3. Warsaw led - Russian , rival The 1955 in started Pact.

4. surfaced again Strained have once relations.

5. into of Ukraine frontline Turning a confrontation.

6. as Weapons measures deterrent strategic of part.

7. spokeswoman complying said the A organization NATO was.

8. for Ukraine NATO decide membership to apply Should.

9. assess to alliance will readiness the NATO its join.

10. NATO and An the issue individual between countries.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141229-nato.html>

Russian President Vladimir Putin has *signed / singed* a new military doctrine that says NATO is one of Russia's biggest *dangerous / dangers*. NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is a defence treaty that *started / stated* in 1949. It *contrasts / consists* of North American and European countries who guarantee to *act / action* if any member state is threatened *militarily / military*. Tensions between Russia and NATO have *exited / existed* since the end of WWII. The *rival / rivalry*, Russian-led Warsaw Pact started in 1955 and led to the Cold War between the East and West *condensing / intensifying*. Strained relations have surfaced once again with former Russian ally Ukraine making fresh steps to join NATO. Russia accused NATO this week of *turning / screwing* Ukraine into a "frontline of confrontation".

The new doctrine has stated that for the first time, Russia would use *conventional / conventionally* weapons "as part of *strategy / strategic* deterrent *measures / measurements*" if it sees its territory is under threat. A NATO spokeswoman said the organization was *compiling / complying* with international law *under / over* Ukraine and was not threatening Russia in any way. She said: "Should Ukraine *decide / decision* to apply for NATO membership, NATO will assess its *readying / readiness* to join the alliance in the same way as with *some / any* candidate. This is an issue between NATO and the individual countries *conspiring / aspiring* to membership." She added: "It is Russia's actions...in Ukraine which are breaking international law and *undermining / underarming* European security."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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R_s_s__n Pr_s_d_nt Vl_d_m_r P_t_n h_s_s_gn_d__n_w
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__s__nd_r thr__t. __N_T_ sp_k_sw_m_n s__d th_
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j__n th__ll__nc__n th_s_m__w_y__s_w_th__ny
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br__k_ng__nt_rn_t__n_l l_w__nd__nd_rm_n_ng
__r_p__n_s_c_r_ty."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141229-nato.html>

Russian President Vladimir Putin has assigned a new military doctrine that says NATO is one of Russia's biggest dangers. NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is a defence treaty that started in 1949. It consists of North American and European countries who guarantee to act if any member state is threatened militarily. Tensions between Russia and NATO have existed since the end of WWII. The rival, Russian-led Warsaw Pact started in 1955 and led to the Cold War between the East and West intensifying. Strained relations have surfaced once again with former Russian ally Ukraine making fresh steps to join NATO. Russia accused NATO this week of turning Ukraine into a "frontline of confrontation". The new doctrine has stated that for the first time, Russia would use conventional weapons "as part of strategic deterrent measures" if it sees its territory is under threat. A NATO spokeswoman said the organization was complying with international law over Ukraine and was not threatening Russia in anyway. She said: "Should Ukraine decide to apply for NATO membership, NATO will assess its readiness to join the alliance in the same way as with any candidate. This is an issue between NATO and the individual countries aspiring to membership." She added: "It is Russia's actions... in Ukraine which are breaking international law and undermining European security."

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Russia's relations with NATO. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. NATO: Make a poster about NATO. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. RESOLUTION: Write a magazine article about how to resolve the differences between Russia and NATO. Include imaginary interviews with Russia's president and the head of NATO.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on international affairs. Ask him/her three questions about the relationship between Russia and NATO. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make things better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b F c T d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. doctrine | a. set of beliefs |
| 2. dangers | b. threats |
| 3. guarantee | c. promise |
| 4. intensifying | d. escalating |
| 5. confrontation | e. hostility |
| 6. conventional | f. orthodox |
| 7. complying with | g. abiding by |
| 8. assess | h. evaluate |
| 9. issue | i. matter |
| 10. undermining | j. weakening |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Vladimir Putin
2. 1949
3. The Warsaw Pact
4. Ukraine
5. Ukraine
6. Conventional weapons
7. Russia
8. Ukraine's readiness to join
9. Those concerning Ukraine
10. European security

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)