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Level 1

China and Russia lead race to make hypersonic missiles

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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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The USA is worried about China and Russia developing hypersonic missiles. These can travel 20 times the speed of sound. The U.S. military said hypersonic missiles are a security problem for the USA. It warned that the USA could not stop Russia or China using these missiles. It needs its nuclear weapons. U.S. President Donald Trump plans to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin soon to talk about the arms race.

Russia tested a hypersonic missile this month. China tested some last year. President Putin said Russia needed the weapons because "unlawful sanctions" from the USA and Europe have hurt Russia's development. He added: "You have failed to contain Russia." Mr Putin says the missiles can "strike like a fireball". Relations became worse this week after the UK and USA expelled Russian diplomats because of the poisoning of a Russian spy in England.

Sources: <https://www.cnbc.com/2018/03/20/china-and-russia-aggressively-are-pursuing-hypersonic-weapons-general.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The USA is | a. of sound |
| 2. Russia developing | b. weapons |
| 3. travel 20 times the speed | c. military |
| 4. The U.S. | d. race |
| 5. a security problem | e. stop Russia |
| 6. the USA could not | f. worried |
| 7. It needs its nuclear | g. hypersonic missiles |
| 8. talk about the arms | h. for the USA |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. China tested some | a. worse this week |
| 2. unlawful | b. last year |
| 3. hurt Russia's | c. a Russian spy |
| 4. You have failed to | d. sanctions |
| 5. the missiles can strike | e. diplomats |
| 6. Relations became | f. contain Russia |
| 7. Russian | g. like a fireball |
| 8. the poisoning of | h. development |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The USA (1) _____ China and Russia developing hypersonic missiles. These can travel 20 times the (2) _____. The U.S. military said hypersonic missiles are (3) _____ for the USA. It warned that the USA could not stop Russia or China (4) _____. It needs its nuclear weapons. U.S. President Donald Trump (5) _____ with Russian President Vladimir Putin soon to talk about (6) _____.

Russia tested a hypersonic missile this month. China tested (7) _____. President Putin said Russia needed the weapons because (8) _____ the USA and Europe have hurt Russia's development. He added: "You have (9) _____ Russia." Mr Putin says the missiles can "strike (10) _____. Relations became worse this (11) _____ UK and USA expelled Russian diplomats because of the poisoning of a (12) _____ England.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MISSILES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about missiles 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) _____

