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## Level 6

### Belgium arrests two over New Year terror plot

31st December, 2015

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

Police in Belgium say they have arrested two people suspected of planning terror attacks in Brussels on New Year's Eve. Police initially made six arrests but later released four without charge. Investigators found military clothing and Islamic State propaganda in the houses, but no weapons or explosives. They issued a statement, saying: "Our investigation revealed serious threats of an attack on symbolic places in Brussels during the celebrations for New Year's Eve." The two suspects were arrested following searches Sunday and Monday in Brussels and across Belgium. The police did not say whether the suspects were male or female, nor if they were looking for other suspects.

The arrests are not linked to the November Paris attacks in which 130 people were killed. Brussels has been on high alert since those attacks, with intelligence reports suggesting an attack of some kind was coming. In the wake of the Paris attacks, schools, universities and the Metro were shut down in Brussels for several days in November. The city was put on the highest state of alert as authorities warned of a "serious and imminent" terror threat. Brussels has also been at the centre of investigations into the Paris attacks after it emerged that two of the Paris suicide bombers had lived in Belgium. Other major European cities are also on alert and police have warned citizens to be vigilant.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1613679/two-held-over-brussels-new-years-terror-plot>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-35192511>  
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/two-people-with-isis-propaganda-7085757>

# WARM-UPS

**1. TERROR:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about terror. 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?

*police / planning / arrests / weapons / investigation / symbolic / searches / suspects / linked / high alert / intelligence / several days / imminent / authorities / vigilant*

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

**3. PEACE:** Students A **strongly** believe there will be peace on Earth one day; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SYMBOLIC PLACES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Eiffel Tower
- Big Ben
- Sydney Opera House
- Pyramids
- The White House
- The Great Wall of China
- The Kremlin
- Machu Picchu

**5. ARRESTS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "arrests". 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/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. Police have arrested several people in Paris over a suspected attack. | T / F |
| b. Police made six arrests but they let four people go.                  | T / F |
| c. Police found weapons and explosives in the houses of those arrested.  | T / F |
| d. The police did not say whether the suspects were men or women.        | T / F |
| e. Police say the arrests are linked to the Paris attacks in November.   | T / F |
| f. Brussels was put on the second highest state of alert in November.    | T / F |
| g. Two of the Paris attackers lived in Brussels.                         | T / F |
| h. European police have asked citizens to be vigilant.                   | T / F |

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

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. planning       | a. locations        |
| 2. initially      | b. because of       |
| 3. propaganda     | c. connected        |
| 4. places         | d. information      |
| 5. whether        | e. became known     |
| 6. linked         | f. organising       |
| 7. in the wake of | g. on the lookout   |
| 8. imminent       | h. at first         |
| 9. emerged        | i. fast approaching |
| 10. vigilant      | j. if               |

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

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Police initially made six arrests but        | a. also on alert           |
| 2. no weapons                                   | b. for New Year's Eve      |
| 3. serious threats                              | c. terror threat           |
| 4. during the celebrations                      | d. later released four     |
| 5. police did not say whether the suspects      | e. reports                 |
| 6. intelligence                                 | f. of an attack            |
| 7. put on the highest                           | g. citizens to be vigilant |
| 8. authorities warned of a serious and imminent | h. were male or female     |
| 9. Other major European cities are              | i. state of alert          |
| 10. police have warned                          | j. or explosives           |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

Police in Belgium say they have arrested two people (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of planning terror attacks in Brussels on New Year's Eve. Police initially made six (2) \_\_\_\_\_ but later released four without charge. Investigators found (3) \_\_\_\_\_ clothing and Islamic State propaganda in the houses, but no weapons or explosives. They (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a statement, saying: "Our investigation revealed serious threats of an attack on (5) \_\_\_\_\_ places in Brussels during the celebrations for New Year's Eve." The two suspects were arrested following (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday and Monday in Brussels and across Belgium. The police did not say (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the suspects were male or female, nor if they were looking for (8) \_\_\_\_\_ suspects.

*issued*  
*suspected*  
*searches*  
*military*  
*other*  
*arrests*  
*whether*  
*symbolic*

The arrests are not (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the November Paris attacks in which 130 people were killed. Brussels has been on high (10) \_\_\_\_\_ since those attacks, with intelligence reports suggesting an attack of some kind was coming. In the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Paris attacks, schools, universities and the Metro were shut down in Brussels for (12) \_\_\_\_\_ days in November. The city was put on the highest state of alert as authorities warned of a "(13) \_\_\_\_\_ and imminent" terror threat. Brussels has also been at the centre of investigations into the Paris attacks after it (14) \_\_\_\_\_ that two of the Paris suicide bombers had lived in Belgium. Other (15) \_\_\_\_\_ European cities are also on alert and police have warned citizens to be (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*serious*  
*alert*  
*major*  
*several*  
*vigilant*  
*linked*  
*wake*  
*emerged*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

- 1) Police initially made six arrests but later released four \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. without charged
  - b. without charges
  - c. without charge
  - d. without charging
- 2) military clothing and Islamic State propaganda in the houses, but no \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. weapon or explosives
  - b. weapons or explosives
  - c. weapon or explosive
  - d. weapons or explosive
- 3) Our investigation revealed serious threats of an attack on symbolic places in Brussels \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. during the celebrations
  - b. during the celebration
  - c. during all celebrations
  - d. during these celebrations
- 4) The two suspects were arrested following searches Sunday and Monday in Brussels \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and a cross Belgium
  - b. and across Belgium
  - c. an across Belgium
  - d. an a cross Belgium
- 5) The police did not say whether the suspects were \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. male to female
  - b. male and female
  - c. male for female
  - d. male or female
- 6) The arrests are not linked to the November Paris attacks in which 130 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. people are killed
  - b. people were killed
  - c. people there killed
  - d. people which killed
- 7) intelligence reports suggesting an attack of some \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. kinds was coming
  - b. kindly was coming
  - c. kindness was coming
  - d. kind was coming
- 8) The city was put on the highest state of alert as authorities warned of a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. seriously and imminent
  - b. serious but imminent
  - c. serious and imminent
  - d. seriously but imminent
- 9) Brussels has also been at the centre of investigations into the Paris attacks \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. after it emerges
  - b. after it emerged
  - c. after it re-re-emerged
  - d. after it emerges
- 10) Other major European cities are also on alert and police have warned citizens \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to be vigilant
  - b. to be vigilance
  - c. to be vigil ant
  - d. to been vigilant

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

Police in Belgium say they have arrested two (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of planning terror attacks in Brussels on New Year's Eve. Police initially made six arrests but later (2) \_\_\_\_\_ without charge. Investigators found military clothing and Islamic State (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the houses, but no weapons or explosives. They issued a statement, saying: "Our investigation revealed serious threats of an attack (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in Brussels during the celebrations for New Year's Eve." The two suspects were arrested (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday and Monday in Brussels and across Belgium. The police did not say whether the suspects were male or female, nor if they were looking (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The arrests are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the November Paris attacks in which 130 people were killed. Brussels has been (8) \_\_\_\_\_ since those attacks, with intelligence reports suggesting an attack of some kind was coming. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the Paris attacks, schools, universities and the Metro were shut down in Brussels for several days in November. The city was put on the highest (10) \_\_\_\_\_ as authorities warned of a "serious and imminent" terror threat. Brussels has (11) \_\_\_\_\_ centre of investigations into the Paris attacks after it emerged that two of the Paris suicide bombers had lived in Belgium. Other major European cities are also on alert and police have warned citizens (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

1. Where did police say the attacks were being planned?

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2. What did police not find in the houses of those arrested?

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3. What kind of places do the police think the suspects want to hit?

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4. When did the searches take place?

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5. Are the suspects the police arrested men or women?

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6. What did police say the attacks were not linked to?

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7. How long were schools closed for in Brussels in November?

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8. What state of alert was Brussels put on?

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9. How many of the Paris suicide bombers lived in Brussels?

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10. What have European police told people to be?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

1. Where did police say the attacks were being planned?
  - a) the France-Belgium border
  - b) Paris
  - c) Brussels
  - d) all across Belgium
2. What did police not find in the houses of those arrested?
  - a) explosives and weapons
  - b) leaders
  - c) mobile phones
  - d) maps
3. What kind of places do the police think the suspects want to hit?
  - a) public places
  - b) symbolic places
  - c) parks
  - d) libraries
4. When did the searches take place?
  - a) Monday and Tuesday
  - b) Tuesday and Wednesday
  - c) Saturday and Sunday
  - d) Sunday and Monday
5. Are the suspects the police arrested men or women?
  - a) women
  - b) men
  - c) police didn't say
  - d) both
6. What did police say the attacks were not linked to?
  - a) Al Qaeda
  - b) the Paris attacks
  - c) Yemen
  - d) Afghanistan
7. How long were schools closed for in Brussels in November?
  - a) many days
  - b) a few days
  - c) seven days
  - d) several days
8. What state of alert was Brussels put on?
  - a) red
  - b) the highest
  - c) blue
  - d) moderate
9. How many of the Paris suicide bombers lived in Brussels?
  - a) 1
  - b) 2
  - c) 3
  - d) 4
10. What have European police told people to be?
  - a) vigilant
  - b) careful
  - c) safe
  - d) happy

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Eiffel Tower**

You think the Eiffel Tower is the best place. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Pyramids, the Great Wall of China or the White House.

## **Role B – Pyramids**

You think the Pyramids is the best place. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Eiffel Tower, the Great Wall of China or the White House.

## **Role C – Great Wall of China**

You think the Great Wall of China is the best place. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Pyramids, the Eiffel Tower or the White House.

## **Role D – The White House**

You think the White House is the best place. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Pyramids, the Great Wall of China or the Eiffel Tower.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

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

<b>terror</b>	<b>plot</b>
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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"><li>• initially</li><li>• houses</li><li>• serious</li><li>• during</li><li>• across</li><li>• other</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• linked</li><li>• alert</li><li>• wake</li><li>• several</li><li>• emerged</li><li>• vigilant</li></ul>
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# TERROR SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

Write five GOOD questions about terror 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.

# TERROR 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 'terror'?
- 3) What do you think about what you read?
- 4) How worried are you about terror attacks?
- 5) Why do you think Belgium is a target?
- 6) What can governments do to reduce the likelihood of terror attacks?
- 7) How do authorities get intelligence on terror attacks?
- 8) Should people modify their behaviour because of possible attacks?
- 9) How dangerous is it to be a police officer fighting terror?
- 10) Will terror attacks ever completely disappear?

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# TERROR DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Do you think authorities are doing a good job of preventing attacks?
- 13) Why do the terror groups carry out attacks?
- 14) What would you do if your town was shut down for four days?
- 15) What happens during the highest state of alert?
- 16) How vigilant are you?
- 17) Would you ever move house to avoid terror attacks?
- 18) Is the world safer or more dangerous than it was 20 years ago?
- 19) What message do you have for those planning attacks?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the police chiefs?

# 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

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

Police in Belgium say they have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ two people suspected of planning terror attacks in Brussels on New Year's Eve. Police (2) \_\_\_\_\_ made six arrests but later released four without charge. Investigators found military clothing and Islamic State propaganda in the houses, but no weapons or (3) \_\_\_\_\_. They issued a statement, saying: "Our investigation revealed serious threats of an attack on symbolic places in Brussels (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the celebrations for New Year's Eve." The two suspects were arrested following searches Sunday and Monday in Brussels and across Belgium. The police did not say (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the suspects were male or female, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ if they were looking for other suspects.

The arrests are not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to the November Paris attacks in which 130 people were killed. Brussels has been on (8) \_\_\_\_\_ alert since those attacks, with intelligence reports suggesting an attack of some kind was coming. In the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Paris attacks, schools, universities and the Metro were shut down in Brussels for several days in November. The city was put on the highest (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of alert as authorities warned of a "serious and imminent" terror threat. Brussels has also been at the centre of investigations into the Paris attacks after it (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that two of the Paris suicide bombers had lived in Belgium. Other major European cities are also on alert and police have warned citizens to be (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- |     |                |                |                |                    |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | (a) arrest     | (b) arrests    | (c) arresting  | (d) arrested       |
| 2.  | (a) initialled | (b) initial    | (c) initials   | (d) initially      |
| 3.  | (a) exploded   | (b) explosions | (c) expletives | (d) exterminations |
| 4.  | (a) while      | (b) around     | (c) during     | (d) as             |
| 5.  | (a) whether    | (b) what       | (c) while      | (d) whichever      |
| 6.  | (a) nor        | (b) not        | (c) non        | (d) noq            |
| 7.  | (a) licked     | (b) lichen     | (c) likened    | (d) linked         |
| 8.  | (a) high       | (b) nigh       | (c) neigh      | (d) height         |
| 9.  | (a) nap        | (b) wake       | (c) sleep      | (d) rise           |
| 10. | (a) condition  | (b) country    | (c) state      | (d) nation         |
| 11. | (a) emergent   | (b) emergency  | (c) emerged    | (d) emergencies    |
| 12. | (a) vagrant    | (b) vigilant   | (c) valiant    | (d) variant        |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. Police inayiltli made six arrests
2. Investigators found iytimlar clothing
3. no weapons or psleioxesv
4. Our investigation ealevder serious threats
5. aesnbltrieoc for New Year's Eve
6. looking for other sescptus

## Paragraph 2

7. nlegteilcen reports
8. for elvrsae days
9. hiiusorttea warned of a...
10. a serious and iimtmenn terror threat
11. sciuied bombers
12. police have warned citizens to be ntgivali



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	or female, nor if they were looking for other suspects.
( )	of the Paris attacks, schools, universities and the Metro were shut down in Brussels for several days in
( )	celebrations for New Year's Eve." The two suspects were arrested following searches
( )	clothing and Islamic State propaganda in the houses, but no weapons or explosives. They issued a
( )	that two of the Paris suicide bombers had lived in Belgium. Other major European
( )	statement, saying: "Our investigation revealed serious threats of an attack on symbolic places in Brussels during the
( )	threat. Brussels has also been at the centre of investigations into the Paris attacks after it emerged
( )	Eve. Police initially made six arrests but later released four without charge. Investigators found military
( )	cities are also on alert and police have warned citizens to be vigilant.
( )	The arrests are not linked to the November Paris attacks in which 130 people were killed. Brussels has been on high
( <b>1</b> )	Police in Belgium say they have arrested two people suspected of planning terror attacks in Brussels on New Year's
( )	alert since those attacks, with intelligence reports suggesting an attack of some kind was coming. In the wake
( )	November. The city was put on the highest state of alert as authorities warned of a "serious and imminent" terror
( )	Sunday and Monday in Brussels and across Belgium. The police did not say whether the suspects were male

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

1. attacks suspected of Arrested planning two terror people .

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2. released Police six later made but four initially arrests .

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3. attack Serious on threats symbolic of places an .

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4. were suspects two The searches following arrested .

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5. male The police did not say whether the suspects were .

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6. high those Brussels on since been alert attacks has .

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7. highest state of alert . The city was put on the

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8. in Belgium Two of the Paris suicide bombers had lived .

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9. alert cities are Other also major on European .

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10. vigilant be to citizens warned have Police .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

Police in Belgium say they have arrested two people *suspicious / suspected* of planning terror attacks in Brussels on New Year's Eve. Police *initialised / initially* made six arrests but later released four *without / within* charge. Investigators found *military / militarily* clothing and Islamic State propaganda in the houses, but no weapons or *explosions / explosives*. They issued a statement, saying: "Our investigation revealed *seriously / serious* threats of an attack on *symbol / symbolic* places in Brussels during the celebrations for New Year's Eve." The two suspects were arrested *followed / following* searches Sunday and Monday in Brussels and across Belgium. The police did not say *whether / weather* the suspects were male or female, nor if they were looking for another / other suspects.

The arrests are not *linked / linking* to the November Paris attacks in which 130 people were *killing / killed*. Brussels has been on high alert since those attacks, with intelligence *reports / reported* suggesting an attack of some kind was coming. In the *woke / wake* of the Paris attacks, schools, universities and the Metro were shut down in Brussels for *few / several* days in November. The city was put *on / in* the highest state of alert *was / as* authorities warned of a "serious and *imminent / imminently*" terror threat. Brussels has also been at the centre of investigations into the Paris attacks after it *emergency / emerged* that two of the Paris suicide bombers had lived in Belgium. Other major European cities are also on alert and police have warned citizens to be *vigilance / vigilant*.

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot.html>

P\_l\_c\_ \_n B\_lg\_\_m s\_y th\_y h\_v\_ \_rr\_st\_d tw\_ p\_\_pl\_ s\_sp\_ct\_d \_f pl\_nn\_ng t\_rr\_r \_tt\_cks \_n Br\_ss\_ls \_n N\_w Y\_\_r's \_v\_. P\_l\_c\_ \_n t\_\_lly m\_d\_ s\_x \_rr\_sts b\_t l\_t\_r r\_l\_\_s\_d f\_\_r w\_th\_\_t ch\_rg\_. \_nv\_st\_g\_t\_rs f\_\_nd m\_l\_t\_ry cl\_th\_ng \_nd \_sl\_m\_c St\_t\_ pr\_p\_g\_nd\_ \_n th\_ h\_\_s\_s, b\_t n\_ w\_\_p\_ns \_r \_xpl\_s\_v\_s. Th\_y \_ss\_\_d \_ st\_t\_m\_nt, s\_y\_ng: " \_\_r \_nv\_st\_g\_t\_n r\_v\_\_l\_d s\_r\_\_s thr\_\_ts \_f \_n \_tt\_ck \_n symb\_l\_c pl\_c\_s \_n Br\_ss\_ls d\_r\_ng th\_ c\_l\_br\_t\_\_ns f\_r N\_w Y\_\_r's \_v\_." Th\_ tw\_ s\_sp\_cts w\_r\_ \_rr\_st\_d f\_ll\_w\_ng s\_\_rch\_s S\_nd\_y \_nd M\_nd\_y \_n Br\_ss\_ls \_nd \_cr\_ss B\_lg\_\_m. Th\_ p\_l\_c\_ d\_d\_n\_t s\_y wh\_th\_r th\_ s\_sp\_cts w\_r\_ m\_l\_\_r f\_m\_l\_, n\_r \_f th\_y w\_r\_ l\_\_k\_ng f\_r \_th\_r s\_sp\_cts.

Th\_ \_rr\_sts \_r\_ n\_t l\_nk\_d t\_ th\_ N\_v\_mb\_r P\_r\_s \_tt\_cks \_n wh\_ch 130 p\_\_pl\_ w\_r\_ k\_ll\_d. Br\_ss\_ls h\_s b\_\_n \_n h\_gh \_l\_rt s\_nc\_ th\_s\_ \_tt\_cks, w\_th \_nt\_ll\_g\_nc\_ r\_p\_rts s\_gg\_st\_ng \_n \_tt\_ck \_f s\_m\_k\_nd w\_s c\_m\_ng. \_n th\_ w\_k\_ \_f th\_ P\_r\_s \_tt\_cks, sch\_\_ls, \_n\_v\_rs\_t\_\_s \_nd th\_ M\_tr\_ w\_r\_ sh\_t\_d\_wn \_n Br\_ss\_ls f\_r s\_v\_r\_l\_d\_ys \_n N\_v\_mb\_r. Th\_ c\_ty w\_s p\_t \_n th\_ h\_gh\_st st\_t\_ \_f \_l\_rt \_s \_\_th\_r\_t\_\_s w\_rn\_d \_f \_ "s\_r\_\_s \_nd \_mm\_n\_nt" t\_rr\_r thr\_\_t. Br\_ss\_ls h\_s \_ls b\_\_n t th\_ c\_ntr\_ \_f \_nv\_st\_g\_t\_\_ns \_nt\_ th\_ P\_r\_s \_tt\_cks \_ft\_r \_t \_m\_rg\_d th\_t tw\_ \_f th\_ P\_r\_s s\_\_c\_d\_ b\_mb\_rs h\_d l\_v\_d \_n B\_lg\_\_m. \_th\_r m\_j\_r \_\_r\_p\_\_n c\_t\_s \_r \_\_ls \_n \_l\_rt \_nd p\_l\_c\_ h\_v\_ w\_rn\_d c\_t\_z\_ns t\_ b\_v\_g\_l\_nt.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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 terror. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. HIGH ALERT:** Write a magazine article about keeping cities on the highest state of alert. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 security. Ask him/her three questions about how to make cities secure from terror attacks. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to increase security. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. planning       | a. organising       |
| 2. initially      | b. at first         |
| 3. propaganda     | c. information      |
| 4. places         | d. locations        |
| 5. whether        | e. if               |
| 6. linked         | f. connected        |
| 7. in the wake of | g. because of       |
| 8. imminent       | h. fast approaching |
| 9. emerged        | i. became known     |
| 10. vigilant      | j. on the lookout   |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Brussels
2. Explosives and weapons
3. Symbolic places
4. Sunday and Monday
5. Police didn't say
6. The Paris attacks
7. Several days
8. The highest
9. 2
10. Vigilant

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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