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## Level 3

### President Obama to visit Hiroshima

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# THE ARTICLE

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# WARM-UPS

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

president / Hiroshima / visit / suffer / estimated / focus / future / apologise / Japan / hinted / horrible / terrible / nuclear weapons / loss of life / innocent / happening today

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

**3. APOLOGISE:** Students A **strongly** believe an American president should apologise to Japan over Hiroshima; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. WAR CITIES:** What do you know about these war-torn cities? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I know	How they are today
Hiroshima, Japan		
Aleppo, Syria		
Sarajevo, Bosnia		
Kabul, Afghanistan		
Dresden, Germany		
Mogadishu, Somalia		

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

**6. WARS / CONFLICTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most difficult to end at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Syria
- War on terror
- Drugs wars
- Cyber wars
- Yemen
- Ukraine
- Israel / Palestine
- Somalia

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160525-obama-hiroshima.html>

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

- a. Barack Obama is the second U.S. president to visit Hiroshima. **T / F**
- b. The event is big in Japan but not so big in the USA. **T / F**
- c. President Obama said he would focus on the future during his visit. **T / F**
- d. An advisor said the president would not apologise for Hiroshima. **T / F**
- e. Mr Obama suggested in 2009 that he wanted to visit Hiroshima. **T / F**
- f. Obama said he wanted his visit to remind people of the horror of war. **T / F**
- g. President Obama said no one in war is innocent. **T / F**
- h. Mr Obama said there is not so much suffering in the world today. **T / F**

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

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. huge       | a. suggested    |
| 2. end        | b. awful        |
| 3. focus      | c. provide      |
| 4. apologise  | d. dropped      |
| 5. offer      | e. close        |
| 6. hinted     | f. not forget   |
| 7. fell       | g. very big     |
| 8. horrible   | h. taking place |
| 9. remember   | i. concentrate  |
| 10. happening | j. say sorry    |

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

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. the first American president to visit | a. to visit           |
| 2. The visit is a huge                   | b. weapons            |
| 3. helped bring an end to the            | c. looking vision     |
| 4. his visit is to focus                 | d. parts of the world |
| 5. Obama will offer a forward-           | e. event              |
| 6. he would one day like                 | f. Second World War   |
| 7. a time to think about how             | g. people             |
| 8. nuclear                               | h. the Japanese city  |
| 9. innocent                              | i. horrible war is    |
| 10. happening today in many              | j. on the future      |

# GAP FILL

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*estimated*  
*huge*  
*apologise*  
*become*  
*dropped*  
*vision*  
*suffer*  
*focus*

Barack Obama hinted in 2009 that he would one (9) \_\_\_\_\_ like to visit Hiroshima. His trip to the city has got many people in Japan and the USA (10) \_\_\_\_\_ about the bombs that fell on Hiroshima, and later Nagasaki, which killed so many people. Mr Obama said his visit would be a time to think about how (11) \_\_\_\_\_ war is and to remember the terrible (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of life. He said he hoped his time in Hiroshima would (13) \_\_\_\_\_ people that war causes unnecessary death and that nuclear weapons should never be used again. He said: "Part of my (14) \_\_\_\_\_ is to recognise that (15) \_\_\_\_\_ people caught in war can suffer tremendously." He added: "And that's not just the thing of the (16) \_\_\_\_\_. That is happening today in many parts of the world."

*talking*  
*remind*  
*day*  
*loss*  
*past*  
*horrible*  
*innocent*  
*goal*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Hiroshima is the first city in the world to suffer from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. atom mike weapons
  - b. a tonic weapons
  - c. a tomb mike weapons
  - d. atomic weapons
- 2) The bomb that U.S. forces dropped on the city in August of 1945 killed \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an estimates 140,000
  - b. an estimated 140,000
  - c. an guessed mated 140,000
  - d. an estimating 140,000
- 3) President Obama said his visit is to focus \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on the future
  - b. in the future
  - c. on a future
  - d. on the futures
- 4) An advisor to the president said Mr Obama would not apologise \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. from the bombing
  - b. for a bomb in
  - c. for the bombing
  - d. for a bombing
- 5) The advisor said Obama will offer a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. forward-looking version
  - b. forward-look in version
  - c. forwarded-look in vision
  - d. forward-looking vision
- 6) Barack Obama hinted in 2009 that he would one day like \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for visit Hiroshima
  - b. to visit Hiroshima
  - c. too visit Hiroshima
  - d. to visiting Hiroshima
- 7) talking about the bombs that fell on Hiroshima, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and lately Nagasaki
  - b. and later Nagasaki
  - c. and lates Nagasaki
  - d. and latish Nagasaki
- 8) a time to think about how horrible war is and to remember the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. terribly loss of life
  - b. terrible lost of life
  - c. terribly lost of life
  - d. terrible loss of life
- 9) he hoped his time in Hiroshima would remind people that war causes \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. unnecessarily death
  - b. an necessary death
  - c. unnecessary deaths
  - d. unnecessary death
- 10) recognise that innocent people caught in war can \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. suffer tremendous
  - b. suffers tremendously
  - c. suffered tremendously
  - d. suffer tremendously

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160525-obama-hiroshima.html>

1. How many U.S. presidents have visited Hiroshima before Barack Obama?
2. What kind of event did the article call President Obama's visit?
3. How many people died in 1945 because of the Hiroshima bombing?
4. What do some historians say happened because of the bombing?
5. What did an advisor to the president say Mr Obama would not do?
6. When did Barack Obama hint that he wanted to visit Hiroshima?
7. Which other Japanese city is mentioned in the article?
8. What terrible thing did Mr Obama say his visit is to remember?
9. What did President Obama say about nuclear weapons?
10. What did President Obama say can happen to innocent people in wars?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160525-obama-hiroshima.html>

- 1) How many U.S. presidents have visited Hiroshima before Barack Obama?
  - a) 3
  - b) 2
  - c) 1
  - d) 0
- 2) What kind of event did the article call President Obama's visit?
  - a) an overdue one
  - b) a huge one
  - c) a nice one
  - d) a private one
- 3) How many people died in 1945 because of the Hiroshima bombing?
  - a) slightly over 140,000
  - b) just less than 140,000
  - c) exactly 140,000
  - d) around 140,000
- 4) What do some historians say happened because of the bombing?
  - a) bigger nuclear weapons
  - b) more bombing
  - c) the end of WWII
  - d) a U.S president visited Hiroshima
- 5) What did an advisor to the president say Mr Obama would not do?
  - a) eat sushi
  - b) visit a temple
  - c) go sightseeing
  - d) apologise
- 6) When did Barack Obama hint that he wanted to visit Hiroshima?
  - a) next week
  - b) when he was a child
  - c) in 2009
  - d) last week
- 7) Which other Japanese city is mentioned in the article?
  - a) Nagasaki
  - b) Kyoto
  - c) Sapporo
  - d) Nagano
- 8) What terrible thing did Mr Obama say his visit is to remember?
  - a) bombs
  - b) history
  - c) the loss of life
  - d) the war in Syria
- 9) What did President Obama say about nuclear weapons?
  - a) they are too powerful
  - b) they should never be used again
  - c) they are useful to defend a country
  - d) there are too many
- 10) What did President Obama say can happen to innocent people in wars?
  - a) they can suffer
  - b) they become refugees
  - c) they lose loved ones
  - d) they have painful memories

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Syria**

You think the war in Syria is the most difficult to bring to an end. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things why their wars are easier to end. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to end (and why): drugs wars, the Israel-Palestine conflict or cyber wars.

## **Role B – Drugs wars**

You think drugs wars are the most difficult to bring to an end. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things why their wars are easier to end. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to end (and why): the war in Syria, the Israel-Palestine conflict or cyber wars.

## **Role C – Israel - Palestine**

You think the Israel-Palestine conflict is the most difficult to bring to an end. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things why their wars are easier to end. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to end (and why): drugs wars, the war in Syria or cyber wars.

## **Role D – Cyber wars**

You think cyber wars are the most difficult to bring to an end. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things why their wars are easier to end. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to end (and why): drugs wars, the Israel-Palestine conflict or the war in Syria.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160525-obama-hiroshima.html>

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

<b>atomic</b>	<b>bomb</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>• huge</li><li>• dropped</li><li>• 140,000</li><li>• never</li><li>• apologise</li><li>• shared</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• like</li><li>• fell</li><li>• later</li><li>• remind</li><li>• goal</li><li>• parts</li></ul>
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# HIROSHIMA SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160525-obama-hiroshima.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Hiroshima 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.

# HIROSHIMA 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 'Hiroshima'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. What do you know about Hiroshima?
5. Why is President Obama's visit a 'huge event'?
6. Why are there still nuclear weapons in the world?
7. Should President Obama apologise about the bombing of Hiroshima?
8. How likely is it nuclear weapons will be used again?
9. What would happen if terrorists got nuclear weapons?
10. What will happen in the 'shared future of the USA and Japan'?

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# HIROSHIMA DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. Why do countries go to war?
13. What do you know about the end of World War II?
14. How important is President Obama's visit?
15. How can we put an end to nuclear weapons?
16. Are you for or against nuclear weapons?
17. How can ordinary people stop leaders deciding to go to war?
18. What do you know about the wars happening today?
19. When will we stop going to war?
20. What questions would you like to ask President Obama?

# 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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Barack Obama hinted in 2009 that he would (7) \_\_\_\_ day like to visit Hiroshima. His trip to the city has got many people in Japan and the USA talking about the bombs that fell on Hiroshima, and (8) \_\_\_\_ Nagasaki, which killed so many people. Mr Obama said his visit would be a time to think about how horrible war is and to remember the terrible (9) \_\_\_\_ of life. He said he hoped his time in Hiroshima would remind people that war (10) \_\_\_\_ unnecessary death and that nuclear weapons should never be used again. He said: "Part of my goal is to recognise that (11) \_\_\_\_ people caught in war can suffer tremendously." He added: "And that's not (12) \_\_\_\_ the thing of the past. That is happening today in many parts of the world."

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

- |     |                |               |               |              |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) of         | (b) by        | (c) for       | (d) as       |
| 2.  | (a) enormous   | (b) medium    | (c) huge      | (d) size     |
| 3.  | (a) forcing    | (b) forced    | (c) forces    | (d) enforces |
| 4.  | (a) ends       | (b) ended     | (c) endless   | (d) end      |
| 5.  | (a) on         | (b) in        | (c) of        | (d) by       |
| 6.  | (a) looked     | (b) vision    | (c) watch     | (d) seeing   |
| 7.  | (a) only       | (b) once      | (c) on        | (d) one      |
| 8.  | (a) lately     | (b) later     | (c) latish    | (d) late     |
| 9.  | (a) lost       | (b) loser     | (c) loss      | (d) loses    |
| 10. | (a) cases      | (b) creases   | (c) chaos     | (d) causes   |
| 11. | (a) innocently | (b) innocents | (c) innocence | (d) innocent |
| 12. | (a) suffering  | (b) just      | (c) part      | (d) all      |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. suffer from atomic owespan
2. killed an dteieamst 140,000
3. saoihntsir say it helped bring an end
4. Obama would not iosoapgel (UK) / poloaiiegz (USA)
5. offer a forward-looking snivoi
6. the shared ufuret of the USA and Japan

## Paragraph 2

7. Obama idehtn in 2009
8. talking about the mbbos that fell
9. think about how rholeirb war is
10. remember the rtilreeb loss of life
11. enocnri people caught in war
12. That is apngnhepi today

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160525-obama-hiroshima.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) Barack Obama hinted in 2009 that he would one day like to visit Hiroshima. His trip to the city has got many
- ( ) "will offer a forward-looking vision" that focuses on the shared future of the USA and Japan.
- ( ) from atomic weapons. The bomb that U.S. forces dropped on the city in August of 1945 killed an
- ( ) people in Japan and the USA talking about the bombs that fell on Hiroshima, and later Nagasaki, which killed
- ( ) tremendously." He added: "And that's not just the thing of the past. That is happening today in many parts of the world."
- ( **1** ) On Friday, U.S. President Barack Obama will become the first American president to visit the Japanese
- ( ) on the future. An advisor to the president said Mr Obama would not apologise for the bombing. The advisor said Obama,
- ( ) city of Hiroshima. The visit is a huge event for both the USA and Japan. Hiroshima is the first city in the world to suffer
- ( ) causes unnecessary death and that nuclear weapons should never be used
- ( ) Second World War. Others say it should never have happened. President Obama said his visit is to focus
- ( ) again. He said: "Part of my goal is to recognise that innocent people caught in war can suffer
- ( ) the terrible loss of life. He said he hoped his time in Hiroshima would remind people that war
- ( ) estimated 140,000 in that year. Many historians say it helped bring an end to the
- ( ) so many people. Mr Obama said his visit would be a time to think about how horrible war is and to remember

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160525-obama-hiroshima.html>

1. The visit first the American Japanese president city to .
2. in the world to suffer from atomic weapons The first city .
3. say Historians War World Second the to end an bring helped it .
4. to the said is on Obama visit focus future his .
5. forward - looking vision that focuses on the shared future A .
6. Hiroshima visit to like day one would He .
7. war think is about A how time horrible to .
8. people war unnecessary Remind that causes death .
9. tremendously suffer can war in caught people Innocent .
10. happening many the is in of That today parts world .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# HOMWORK

**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 Hiroshima. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. NUCLEAR WEAPONS:** Make a poster about nuclear weapons. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. APOLOGY:** Write a magazine article about whether or not a U.S. president should apologise to Japan over Hiroshima. 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 Hiroshima. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to rid the world of the nuclear threat. 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 F    c T    d T    e T    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. huge       | a) very big     |
| 2. end        | b) close        |
| 3. focus      | c) concentrate  |
| 4. apologise  | d) say sorry    |
| 5. offer      | e) provide      |
| 6. hinted     | f) suggested    |
| 7. fell       | g) dropped      |
| 8. horrible   | h) awful        |
| 9. remember   | i) not forget   |
| 10. happening | j) taking place |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. None
2. A huge one
3. Around 140,000
4. The end of the Second World War
5. Apologise
6. In 2009
7. Nagasaki
8. Loss of life
9. They should never be used again
10. They can suffer (tremendously)

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. c    7. a    8. c    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 ;-)