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## Level 3

### China launches first Chinese-made aircraft carrier

28th April, 2017

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# THE ARTICLE

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A spokesperson for the Chinese said he was, "proud of the great achievement made by the country in modernizing the national defense and military". He added that the aircraft carrier would help to strengthen China's ability to protect itself. He also said China could now look after its borders and protect its shipping and trade routes. A social media user on Weibo (the Chinese Twitter) said the new carrier was, "a symbol of China's technological power, industrial capability and overall strength". There are reports that China is planning to build at least two and possibly up to four more carriers. The new carriers could be as big as the biggest U.S. Navy carriers. They could weigh as much as 100,000 tons.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. AIRCRAFT CARRIERS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about aircraft carriers. 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?

navy / aircraft carrier / developed / ceremony / tradition / champagne / airplanes / proud / achievement / ability / protect / trade routes / symbol / industrial / weigh

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

**3. CHINA:** Students A **strongly** believe China must take a strong role in keeping world peace; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. MILITARY:** What do these people do? How important are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Their duties	Their importance
Navy sailor		
Soldier		
Air pilot		
Army general		
Commando		
Marine		

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

**6. MILITARY HARDWARE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important military hardware at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- aircraft carrier
- tank
- helicopter
- submarine
- jeep
- fighter jet
- personnel carrier
- battleship

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170428-aircraft-carrier.html>

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

- a. The article said China is now the strongest country in the world. **T / F**
- b. China now has two aircraft carriers. **T / F**
- c. Officials broke a bottle of champagne over the new aircraft carrier. **T / F**
- d. The carrier will go into service when its airplanes are ready. **T / F**
- e. A spokesperson said he was proud of China's modernization. **T / F**
- f. The spokesman said China needed more carriers to protect its borders. **T / F**
- g. A report said China would build another 10 aircraft carriers. **T / F**
- h. China will soon build a carrier that weighs 1,000,000 tons. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>growing</b>     | a. custom       |
| 2. <b>completely</b>  | b. emblem       |
| 3. <b>tradition</b>   | c. prepared     |
| 4. <b>building</b>    | d. boost        |
| 5. <b>ready</b>       | e. totally      |
| 6. <b>modernizing</b> | f. getting      |
| 7. <b>strengthen</b>  | g. passages     |
| 8. <b>routes</b>      | h. constructing |
| 9. <b>symbol</b>      | i. largest      |
| 10. <b>biggest</b>    | j. updating     |

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

- |                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. China's navy is growing stronger | a. protect itself |
| 2. completely on                    | b. in 2012        |
| 3. came into service                | c. built by China |
| 4. the first to be developed and    | d. achievement    |
| 5. for the next                     | e. least two      |
| 6. proud of the great               | f. and stronger   |
| 7. strengthen China's ability to    | g. routes         |
| 8. protect its shipping and trade   | h. as big         |
| 9. China is planning to build at    | i. its own        |
| 10. The new carriers could be       | j. three years    |

# GAP FILL

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*completely*  
*late*  
*needs*  
*ceremony*  
*stronger*  
*sea*  
*service*  
*tradition*

A spokesperson for the Chinese said he was, "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the great achievement made by the country in modernizing the national defense and (10) \_\_\_\_\_". He added that the aircraft carrier would help to strengthen China's (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to protect itself. He also said China could now look after its borders and protect its shipping and trade (12) \_\_\_\_\_. A social media user on Weibo (the Chinese Twitter) said the new carrier was, "a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of China's technological power, industrial capability and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ strength". There are reports that China is planning to build at (15) \_\_\_\_\_ two and possibly up to four more carriers. The new carriers could be as big as the biggest U.S. Navy carriers. They could (16) \_\_\_\_\_ as much as 100,000 tons.

*routes*  
*overall*  
*ability*  
*weigh*  
*proud*  
*military*  
*least*  
*symbol*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) China's navy is growing stronger \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and stranger
  - b. and stronger
  - c. and strong
  - d. and strongest
- 2) it launched its first aircraft carrier that it built \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. completely in its own
  - b. completely on this own
  - c. completely on its own
  - d. complete on this own
- 3) The first one was built by Russia and came into \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. services in 2012
  - b. serviced in 2012
  - c. servicing 2012
  - d. service in 2012
- 4) The shipyard started building it \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on late 2015
  - b. in later 2015
  - c. in late 2015
  - d. in lately 2015
- 5) It will go into service in 2020 after all of the airplanes it \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. needs are readied
  - b. knees already
  - c. knees are ready
  - d. needs are ready
- 6) A spokesperson for the Chinese said he was proud of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. great achievement
  - b. greats achievement
  - c. great achievements
  - d. greats achievements
- 7) made by the country in modernizing the national \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. defense and militarily
  - b. defends and military
  - c. defensive and military
  - d. defense and military
- 8) help to strengthen China's ability \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. too protects itself
  - b. to protect sit self
  - c. to protect itself
  - d. too protect itself
- 9) China's technological power, industrial capability and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. overall strengthen
  - b. overall strength
  - c. overalls strengthen
  - d. overalls strength
- 10) China is planning to build at least two and possibly \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. up two four more
  - b. up for four more
  - c. up to four more
  - d. up by four more

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170428-aircraft-carrier.html>

China's navy (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and stronger. On Wednesday, it launched its first aircraft carrier (2) \_\_\_\_\_ completely on its own. China now has two aircraft carriers. The first one was built by Russia and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2012. The new 50,000-ton carrier is the first to be developed and built by China. It was launched at a ceremony in the shipyard of the China Shipbuilding Corporation. Navy officials followed tradition and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ champagne on the carrier's bow. Development of the new carrier started in 2013. The shipyard started (5) \_\_\_\_\_ 2015. The Chinese Navy will test the new carrier at sea for the next three years. It will go into service in 2020 after all of the airplanes (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

A spokesperson for the Chinese said he (7) \_\_\_\_\_ great achievement made by the country in modernizing the national defense and military". He added that the aircraft carrier would (8) \_\_\_\_\_ China's ability to protect itself. He also said China could now look after its borders and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and trade routes. A social media user on Weibo (the Chinese Twitter) said the new carrier was, "(10) \_\_\_\_\_ China's technological power, industrial capability and overall strength". There are reports that China is planning to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ two and possibly up to four more carriers. The new carriers could be as big as the biggest U.S. Navy carriers. They could weigh (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 100,000 tons.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170428-aircraft-carrier.html>

1. What is growing stronger and stronger?
2. Who built China's first aircraft carrier?
3. What did officials break across the aircraft carrier's bow?
4. When did the shipyard start building the carrier?
5. When will the new carrier go into service?
6. Who said he was proud of China's modernization?
7. What kind of routes would the aircraft carrier help to protect?
8. How many more aircraft carriers might China make?
9. What could a new Chinese aircraft carrier be as big as?
10. How heavy could a new Chinese aircraft carrier be?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170428-aircraft-carrier.html>

- 1) What is growing stronger and stronger?
  - a) launches
  - b) China
  - c) aircraft carriers
  - d) Russia
- 2) Who built China's first aircraft carrier?
  - a) France
  - b) USA
  - c) Japan
  - d) Russia
- 3) What did officials break across the aircraft carrier's bow?
  - a) a bottle of champagne
  - b) a rice cracker
  - c) a drum
  - d) a string
- 4) When did the shipyard start building the carrier?
  - a) 2013
  - b) 2012
  - c) 2015
  - d) 2014
- 5) When will the new carrier go into service?
  - a) 2018
  - b) 2020
  - c) 2030
  - d) 2022
- 6) Who said he was proud of China's modernization?
  - a) a spokesperson
  - b) a leader
  - c) a sailor
  - d) a construction worker
- 7) What kind of routes would the aircraft carrier help to protect?
  - a) highway routes
  - b) mountain routes
  - c) trade routes
  - d) Internet routes
- 8) How many more aircraft carriers might China make?
  - a) two to four
  - b) five
  - c) seven
  - d) up to ten
- 9) What could a new Chinese aircraft carrier be as big as?
  - a) the biggest U.S. Navy carriers
  - b) the world's tallest building
  - c) five blue whales
  - d) a small island
- 10) How heavy could a new Chinese aircraft carrier be?
  - a) as much as 400,000
  - b) as much as 300,000
  - c) as much as 200,000
  - d) as much as 100,000

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Aircraft Carrier**

You think an aircraft carrier is the most important thing for a country's military to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): helicopter, a tank or a submarine.

## **Role B – Helicopter**

You think a helicopter is the most important thing for a country's military to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): aircraft carrier, a tank or a submarine.

## **Role C – Tank**

You think a tank is the most important thing for a country's military to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): helicopter, aircraft carrier or a submarine.

## **Role D – Submarine**

You think a submarine is the most important thing for a country's military to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): helicopter, a tank or aircraft carrier.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170428-aircraft-carrier.html>

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

<b>air</b>	<b>craft</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>• completely</li><li>• Russia</li><li>• 50,000</li><li>• tradition</li><li>• 2013</li><li>• 2020</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• proud</li><li>• added</li><li>• borders</li><li>• symbol</li><li>• least</li><li>• weigh</li></ul>
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# AIRCRAFT CARRIER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about aircraft carriers 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.

# AIRCRAFT CARRIER DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'aircraft'?
3. How important is it for a country to have a strong navy or army?
4. How strong is your country's military?
5. What do you think it's like to live and work on an aircraft carrier?
6. What is the job of an aircraft carrier?
7. What do you think of the tradition used to launch ships?
8. What can you do on an aircraft carrier?
9. Would you like to be in the navy?
10. What kind of tests do you think the navy will do on the carrier?

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# AIRCRAFT CARRIER DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'navy'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How proud are you of your country's military?
15. How well can your country defend its borders?
16. What are symbols of your country's strength?
17. How many aircraft carriers does a country need?
18. What does the rest of the world think about China's new carrier?
19. How can China help to keep the world safe?
20. What questions would you like to ask the head of China's navy?

# 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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A spokesperson for the Chinese said he was, "proud of the great achievement made by the country in modernizing the national defense and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ ". He added that the aircraft carrier would help to strengthen China's ability to protect itself. He also said China could now look after its (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and protect its shipping and trade (9) \_\_\_\_\_. A social media user on Weibo (the Chinese Twitter) said the new carrier was, "a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of China's technological power, industrial capability and overall strength". There are reports that China is planning to build at (11) \_\_\_\_\_ two and possibly up to four more carriers. The new carriers could be as big as the biggest U.S. Navy carriers. They could (12) \_\_\_\_\_ as much as 100,000 tons.

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

- |     |               |                |                |                  |
|-----|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) stronger  | (b) strengthen | (c) strongest  | (d) strongly     |
| 2.  | (a) at        | (b) by         | (c) on         | (d) in           |
| 3.  | (a) as        | (b) by         | (c) into       | (d) so           |
| 4.  | (a) cerebrum  | (b) ceremonial | (c) ceremonies | (d) ceremony     |
| 5.  | (a) followed  | (b) chased     | (c) pursued    | (d) tailed       |
| 6.  | (a) readily   | (b) ready      | (c) already    | (d) read         |
| 7.  | (a) militant  | (b) militarize | (c) militia    | (d) military     |
| 8.  | (a) bordered  | (b) borders    | (c) bordering  | (d) borderline   |
| 9.  | (a) roots     | (b) loots      | (c) routes     | (d) louts        |
| 10. | (a) symbolism | (b) symbol     | (c) symbolic   | (d) symbolically |
| 11. | (a) lest      | (b) lost       | (c) last       | (d) least        |
| 12. | (a) weight    | (b) weigh      | (c) weighs     | (d) weighty      |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. lmyoteclpe on its own
2. leeddepvo and built by China
3. launched at a eonyrecm in the shipyard
4. Navy officials followed tirdtioan
5. The shipyard started gidunlbi it in late 2015
6. It will go into ceivesr in 2020

## Paragraph 2

7. he was podru of the great achievement
8. the national defense and tilarymi
9. China's ability to topetrc itself
10. shipping and trade toseru
11. arllvoe strength
12. whige as much as 100,000 tons

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170428-aircraft-carrier.html>

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

- ( ) in 2012. The new 50,000-ton carrier is the first to be developed and built by China. It was launched
- ( ) A spokesperson for the Chinese said he was, "proud of the great achievement made by the country in modernizing
- ( ) its own. China now has two aircraft carriers. The first one was built by Russia and came into service
- ( ) it in late 2015. The Chinese Navy will test the new carrier at sea for the next three years. It will go into
- ( ) routes. A social media user on Weibo (the Chinese Twitter) said the new carrier was, "a symbol
- ( ) service in 2020 after all of the airplanes it needs are ready.
- ( ) the national defense and military". He added that the aircraft carrier would help to strengthen China's
- ( **1** ) China's navy is growing stronger and stronger. On Wednesday, it launched its first aircraft carrier that it built completely on
- ( ) planning to build at least two and possibly up to four more carriers. The new carriers could
- ( ) at a ceremony in the shipyard of the China Shipbuilding Corporation. Navy officials followed tradition and broke
- ( ) of China's technological power, industrial capability and overall strength". There are reports that China is
- ( ) be as big as the biggest U.S. Navy carriers. They could weigh as much as 100,000 tons.
- ( ) a bottle of champagne on the carrier's bow. Development of the new carrier started in 2013. The shipyard started building
- ( ) ability to protect itself. He also said China could now look after its borders and protect its shipping and trade

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170428-aircraft-carrier.html>

1. completely its carrier built launched aircraft it It first that .
2. be carrier 50,000 to ton new first - The the developed is .
3. ceremony was in launched the at shipyard a It .
4. carrier new the of Development 2013 in started .
5. will new sea Navy the at Chinese test carrier The .
6. Help itself protect to ability China's strengthen to .
7. its shipping China could now look after its borders and protect .
8. to four more carriers Build at least two and possibly up .
9. US biggest the as big as be could carriers New carriers Navy .
10. much They as 100,000 tons weigh as could .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170428-aircraft-carrier.html>

China's navy is growing stronger and *strengthen / stronger*. On Wednesday, it launched its first aircraft carrier that it *built / build* completely on its own. China now has two aircraft carriers. The first one was built *at / by* Russia and came *onto / into* service in 2012. The new 50,000-ton carrier is the first to be developed and built by China. It was *launched / lunched* at a ceremony in the shipyard of the China Shipbuilding Corporation. Navy *official / officials* followed tradition and broke a bottle *of / for* champagne on the carrier's bow. Development of the *newly / new* carrier started in 2013. The shipyard started building it in late 2015. The Chinese Navy will test the new carrier *on / at* sea for the next three years. It will go into service in 2020 after all of the airplanes it needs are *ready / already*.

A spokesperson for the Chinese said he was, "*proudly / proud* of the great achievement made by the country *in / on* modernizing the national defense and military". He *subtracted / added* that the aircraft carrier would help to strengthen China's ability to protect *itself / self*. He also said China could now look *after / before* its borders and protect its shipping and trade routes. A social media user on Weibo (the Chinese Twitter) said the new carrier was, "a *symbolic / symbol* of China's technological power, industrial capability and overall strength". There are *reports / repeats* that China is planning to build at least two and *possibly / possible* up to four more carriers. The new carriers could be *that / as* big as the biggest U.S. Navy carriers. They could *weigh / weight* as much as 100,000 tons.

**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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Ch\_n\_'s n\_vy \_s gr\_w\_ng str\_ng\_r \_nd str\_ng\_r. \_n W\_dn\_sd\_y, \_t l\_nch\_d \_ts f\_rst \_\_rcr\_ft c\_rr\_\_r th\_t \_t b\_\_lt c\_mpl\_t\_ly \_n \_ts \_wn. Ch\_n\_ n\_w h\_s tw\_\_rcr\_ft c\_rr\_\_rs. Th\_f\_rst \_n\_w\_s b\_\_lt by R\_ss\_\_nd c\_m\_\_nt\_s\_rv\_c\_\_n 2012. Th\_n\_w 50,000-t\_n c\_rr\_\_r \_s th\_f\_rst t\_b\_d\_v\_l\_p\_d \_nd b\_\_lt by Ch\_n\_. \_t w\_s l\_nch\_d \_t \_c\_r\_m\_ny \_n th\_sh\_py\_rd \_f th\_Ch\_n\_ Sh\_pb\_\_ld\_ng C\_rp\_r\_t\_\_n. N\_vy \_\_ff\_c\_\_ls f\_ll\_w\_d tr\_d\_t\_\_n \_nd br\_k\_\_ bttl\_\_f ch\_m\_p\_gn\_\_n th\_c\_rr\_\_r's b\_w. D\_v\_l\_p\_m\_nt \_f th\_n\_w c\_rr\_\_r st\_rt\_d \_n 2013. Th\_sh\_py\_rd st\_rt\_d b\_\_ld\_ng \_t\_n l\_t\_ 2015. Th\_Ch\_n\_s\_ N\_vy w\_ll t\_st th\_n\_w c\_rr\_\_r \_t\_s\_\_f\_r th\_n\_xt thr\_\_y\_\_rs. \_t w\_ll g\_\_nt\_s\_rv\_c\_\_n 2020 \_ft\_r\_\_ll \_f th\_\_rpl\_n\_s \_t\_n\_\_ds\_r\_r\_\_dy.

\_sp\_k\_sp\_rs\_n f\_r th\_Ch\_n\_s\_ s\_\_d h\_w\_s, "pr\_\_d \_f th\_gr\_\_t \_ch\_\_v\_m\_nt m\_d\_ by th\_c\_\_ntry \_n m\_d\_rn\_z\_ng th\_n\_t\_\_n l\_d\_f\_ns\_\_nd m\_l\_t\_ry". H\_\_dd\_d th\_t th\_\_rcr\_ft c\_rr\_\_r w\_\_ld h\_l\_p t\_str\_ngth\_n Ch\_n\_'s \_b\_l\_ty t\_pr\_t\_ct \_ts\_lf. H\_\_ls\_s\_\_d Ch\_n\_ c\_\_ld n\_w l\_\_k \_ft\_r \_ts b\_rdrs \_nd pr\_t\_ct \_ts sh\_pp\_ng \_nd tr\_d\_r\_\_t\_s. \_s\_c\_\_l m\_d\_\_s\_r \_n W\_\_b\_ (th\_Ch\_n\_s\_ Tw\_tt\_r) s\_\_d th\_n\_w c\_rr\_\_r w\_s, "\_ symb\_l \_f Ch\_n\_'s t\_chn\_l\_g\_c\_l p\_w\_r, \_nd str\_\_l c\_p\_b\_l\_ty \_nd \_v\_r\_ll str\_ngth". Th\_r\_\_r\_r\_p\_rts th\_t Ch\_n\_ \_s pl\_nn\_ng t\_b\_\_ld \_t l\_\_st tw\_\_nd p\_ss\_bly \_p\_t\_f\_\_r m\_r\_c\_rr\_\_rs. Th\_n\_w c\_rr\_\_rs c\_\_ld b\_\_s b\_g\_s th\_b\_gg\_st \_\_.S. N\_vy c\_rr\_\_rs. Th\_y c\_\_ld w\_\_gh \_s m\_ch \_s 100,000 t\_ns.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a spokesperson for the chinese said he was "proud of the great achievement made by the country in modernizing the national defense and military" he added that the aircraft carrier would help to strengthen china's ability to protect itself he also said china could now look after its borders and protect its shipping and trade routes a social media user on weibo (the chinese twitter) said the new carrier was "a symbol of china's technological power industrial capability and overall strength" there are reports that china is planning to build at least two and possibly up to four more carriers the new carriers could be as big as the biggest us navy carriers they could weigh as much as 100000 tons

# 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 the news about this aircraft carrier. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. AIRCRAFT CARRIERS:** Make a poster about aircraft carriers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. MILITARY:** Write a magazine article about the idea of countries having no need for armies, navies and air forces. 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 aircraft carriers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on how useful aircraft carriers are. 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 T    d T    e T    f F    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. growing     | a. getting      |
| 2. completely  | b. totally      |
| 3. tradition   | c. custom       |
| 4. building    | d. constructing |
| 5. ready       | e. prepared     |
| 6. modernizing | f. updating     |
| 7. strengthen  | g. boost        |
| 8. routes      | h. passages     |
| 9. symbol      | i. emblem       |
| 10. biggest    | j. largest      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. China
2. Russia
3. A bottle of champagne
4. 2015
5. 2020
6. A spokesperson
7. Trade routes
8. Between two to four
9. U.S. Navy carriers
10. As much as 100,000 tons

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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