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Level 2

The world is 0.28% more peaceful than a year ago

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The world is a little more peaceful than it was a year ago. The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) found that the world became 0.28% more peaceful in the past year. The IEP has reported on world peace for 10 years. Every year, it publishes its Global Peace Index (GPI). This ranks 163 countries and territories on how peaceful they are. It also gives advice on how to be peaceful. Iceland is the most peaceful country in the world. It has been number one since 2008. The next four most peaceful countries are New Zealand, Portugal, Austria and Denmark.

The report says that 93 countries have become more peaceful, and 68 became more violent. Researchers looked at many things to work out the level of peace. They looked at the murder rate, how easy it was to get weapons, terrorism, and the number of soldiers in each country. Syria is the least peaceful country. It has now been bottom of the list for five years. The next four most violent countries are Afghanistan, Iraq, South Sudan and Yemen. The IEP said that: "The world is still [stuck] with conflict in the Middle East, political turmoil in the US, refugee flows, and terrorism."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-40118188>
*<http://visionofhumanity.org/app/uploads/2017/06/GPI-2017-Report-1.pdf>
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/01/us-plummets-global-peace-ranking-due-political-instability/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. The world is a little more peaceful | a. 10 years |
| 2. in the past | b. 2008 |
| 3. IEP has reported on world peace for | c. how to be peaceful |
| 4. This ranks 163 countries | d. country in the world |
| 5. It also gives advice on | e. than it was a year ago |
| 6. Iceland is the most peaceful | f. most peaceful countries |
| 7. It has been number one since | g. year |
| 8. The next four | h. and territories |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. 93 countries have become | a. rate |
| 2. 68 became more | b. East |
| 3. work out the level | c. weapons |
| 4. the murder | d. violent |
| 5. how easy it was to get | e. of peace |
| 6. the number of soldiers | f. list for five years |
| 7. bottom of the | g. more peaceful |
| 8. conflict in the Middle | h. in each country |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The world (1) _____ peaceful than it was a year ago. The Institute for Economics (2) _____ found that the world became 0.28% more peaceful (3) _____. The IEP has reported on world peace for 10 years. Every year, it publishes its Global Peace Index (GPI). This (4) _____ and territories on how peaceful they are. It also gives (5) _____ to be peaceful. Iceland is the most peaceful country in the world. It has been number one since 2008. The (6) _____ peaceful countries are New Zealand, Portugal, Austria and Denmark.

The report (7) _____ countries have become more peaceful, and 68 became (8) _____. Researchers looked at many things (9) _____ the level of peace. They looked at the murder rate, how easy it was to get weapons, terrorism, and the number of soldiers (10) _____. Syria is the least peaceful country. It has now been bottom of the (11) _____ years. The next four most violent countries are Afghanistan, Iraq, South Sudan and Yemen. The IEP said that: "The world is still [stuck] (12) _____ the Middle East, political turmoil in the US, refugee flows, and terrorism."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WORLD PEACE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about world peace 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) _____

