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## **Level 0**

### **Putin warns of 'global catastrophe' over N Korea**

**7th September, 2017**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe-0.html>

Vladimir Putin said the North Korean crisis could cause a "planetary catastrophe". He said many people would die. He said talking was the only answer. Mr Putin warned that military action was very dangerous. He said North Korea would "eat grass" instead of stop its nuclear programme because they do not feel safe.

Tensions are dangerous because North Korea carried out its biggest ever nuclear test. The UN told North Korea to stop. Mr Putin said sanctions against North Korea will never work. The USA said North Korea was "begging for war". It said: "War is never something the US wants....We will defend our allies."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/sep/05/south-korea-minister-redeploying-us-nuclear-weapons-tensions-with-north>  
<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/world/Putin-global-catastrophe-North-Korea/1068-4083486-w4xj8cz/index.html>  
<https://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0905/902328-korea/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the North Korean    | a. catastrophe        |
| 2. a planetary         | b. instead            |
| 3. He said many people | c. only answer        |
| 4. talking was the     | d. safe               |
| 5. military action     | e. crisis             |
| 6. eat grass           | f. programme          |
| 7. stop its nuclear    | g. would die          |
| 8. they do not feel    | h. was very dangerous |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Tensions are                  | a. begging for war |
| 2. its biggest                   | b. will never work |
| 3. nuclear                       | c. our allies      |
| 4. The UN told North Korea       | d. dangerous       |
| 5. sanctions against North Korea | e. to stop         |
| 6. The USA said North Korea was  | f. the US wants    |
| 7. War is never something        | g. ever            |
| 8. We will defend                | h. test            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Vladimir Putin said the North Korean (1) \_\_\_\_\_

a "planetary catastrophe". He said many people

(2) \_\_\_\_\_. He said talking was

(3) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Putin warned that

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ was very dangerous. He said North

Korea would "eat (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of stop its nuclear

programme because they do (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Tensions (7) \_\_\_\_\_ because North Korea

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ biggest ever nuclear test. The UN

told North Korea to stop. Mr Putin said (9) \_\_\_\_\_

North Korea will (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The USA said

North Korea was "(11) \_\_\_\_\_". It said: "War is

never something the US wants...We will

(12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# GLOBAL CATASTROPHE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170907-global-catastrophe-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about global catastrophe 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) \_\_\_\_\_

