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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. LIBYA: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Libya. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

NATO / no-fly zone / Libya / UN resolutions / stand idly by / sucked into war / conditions / intervention / regional support / Arab League / diplomatic presence

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

3. PROS & CONS: Complete this table about the pros & cons of courses of action in Libya with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

Action	Pros	Cons
Nothing		
No-fly zone		
Arms embargo		
Arming rebels		
Invasion		
UN resolutions		

4. NO-FLY ZONE: Students A **strongly** believe there should be one; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. NO-ZONE: Which of these would work best in Libya? Rank them and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- no-fly zone
- no-work zone (all ex-pats)
- no-buy-Libyan-oil zone
- no-more-arms-to-Libya zone
- no-export zone
- no-travel zone (for all regime members)
- no-sell-weapons zone
- no-Libyan-airplane zone (at intl airports)

6. UNITED NATIONS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the United Nations. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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|--|-------|
| a. The chief of NATO did not speak about a no-fly zone. | T / F |
| b. He said he expected the international community to stand idly by. | T / F |
| c. Military chiefs said a no-fly zone could be ready within three days. | T / F |
| d. Germany said it is not prepared to take part in military action. | T / F |
| e. NATO's chief said five things were needed to start a no-fly zone. | T / F |
| f. He said there was no clear need for Libya's neighbours to agree to one. | T / F |
| g. France has asked the rebels to set up a kind of embassy in Paris. | T / F |
| h. Libya has threatened to break diplomatic relations with France. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. chief | a. mixed up in |
| 2. course | b. set up |
| 3. stand idly by | c. boss |
| 4. up and running | d. definite |
| 5. sucked into | e. plan |
| 6. conditions | f. legal |
| 7. firm | g. existence |
| 8. legitimate | h. not act |
| 9. establish | i. circumstances |
| 10. presence | j. operating |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. ruled out implementing | a. in Paris |
| 2. a legal course | b. and running |
| 3. stand idly | c. legal basis |
| 4. a no-fly zone could be up | d. of action |
| 5. We do not want to get sucked | e. for NATO intervention |
| 6. Rasmussen set out three conditions | f. with France |
| 7. there has to be a clear | g. of Libya's people |
| 8. the legitimate representative | h. a no-fly zone |
| 9. establish a diplomatic presence | i. by |
| 10. break diplomatic relations | j. into a war |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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strikes

sucked

clear

needed

stand

out

course

running

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discuss

establish

need

out

step

break

clear

legitimate

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

fly	zone
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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">• parts• course• suggest• imagine• running• sucked	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• need• legal• discuss• member• establish• break
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STUDENT LIBYA NO-FLY ZONE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about a Libya no-fly zone 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.

LIBYA NO-FLY ZONE DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Libya'?
- c) Do you think there should be a no-fly zone over Libya?
- d) What is stopping the U.N. and NATO from implementing a no-fly zone?
- e) What do you think about what's happening in Libya?
- f) What message would you give to Muammar Gaddafi?
- g) How would a no-fly zone change the uprising?
- h) What TV images about Libya are most memorable?
- i) Is the international community standing "idly by" now?
- j) Do you think Libya could see genocide?

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LIBYA NO-FLY ZONE DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) Is there "a demonstrable need for NATO action"?
- c) What needs to happen for there to be "a clear legal basis"?
- d) Do you think there is "firm regional support" for NATO intervention?
- e) Do you think the Arab League should try and oust Gaddafi?
- f) Where do you think Libya will be six months from now?
- g) Is Gaddafi "the legitimate representative of Libya's people"?
- h) What do you think of France's recognition of the Libya National Council?
Should other countries follow suit
- i) Where will North Africa and the Middle East be a year from now?
- j) What questions would you like to ask NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

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|-----|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) stapled | (b) taped | (c) pinned | (d) ruled |
| 2. | (a) course | (b) because | (c) cause | (d) case |
| 3. | (a) kneel | (b) stand | (c) bow | (d) pace |
| 4. | (a) jogging | (b) sprinting | (c) running | (d) walking |
| 5. | (a) think | (b) ping | (c) thing | (d) link |
| 6. | (a) mucked | (b) sucked | (c) bucked | (d) ducked |
| 7. | (a) let | (b) met | (c) net | (d) set |
| 8. | (a) need | (b) needy | (c) necessary | (d) needless |
| 9. | (a) form | (b) firm | (c) frame | (d) from |
| 10. | (a) clique | (b) diplomacy | (c) ambassador | (d) legitimate |
| 11. | (a) near | (b) here | (c) closer | (d) now |
| 12. | (a) break | (b) snap | (c) slash | (d) slice |

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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 a Libya no-fly zone. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. LIBYA NO-FLY ZONE: Make a poster about a Libya no-fly zone. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. LIBYA UPRISING: Write a magazine article about the Libya uprising. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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. LETTER: Write a letter to Colonel Gaddafi. Ask him three questions about a Libya no-fly zone. Give him three of your opinions on his leadership. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

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

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 5. sucked into | e. mixed up in |
| 6. conditions | f. circumstances |
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| 10. break diplomatic relations | j. with France |

GAP FILL:

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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - d 2 - a 3 - b 4 - c 5 - c 6 - b 7 - d 8 - a 9 - b 10 - d 11 - c 12 - a

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