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## Germany closes gas pipeline amid Ukraine crisis

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

Germany has announced it has closed the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that was due to transport natural gas from Russia to Europe. It did this because of Russia's actions in Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised two breakaway regions in eastern Ukraine as independent countries. President Putin claimed the Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic were separate nations. Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz said: "In light of the most recent developments, we must reassess the situation...regarding Nord Stream 2." He warned that Europe faced "difficult hours," and that, "almost 80 years after the end of the Second World War, we might see a new war in Eastern Europe."

Nord Stream 2 is a 1,200-km-long pipeline that runs under the Baltic Sea. Closing it is one of many sanctions that Western nations have made against Russia. The United Kingdom announced the first its sanctions after Mr Putin said troops could enter the two rebel-held regions of eastern Ukraine. The U.K. will freeze the assets of five Russian banks and three Russian billionaires (who have also been given travel bans). U.S. President Joe Biden has said the USA would announce sanctions soon. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko said Russia was not planning to invade Ukraine. He told reporters: "No one is planning to send anything anywhere. If there is a threat, then we will provide assistance."

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-60480734>

# WARM-UPS

**1. THE UKRAINE CRISIS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Ukraine crisis. 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?

Germany / Nord Stream 2 / natural gas / Ukraine / difficult hours / 80 years / war  
Baltic Sea / sanctions / Western nations / troops / billionaires / travel ban / threat

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

**3. WAR:** Students A **strongly** believe there will be a European war; Students B **strongly** believe there won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. THE REGION:** What do you know about these countries? What is their past relationship with Russia? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	Past relationship with Russia
Ukraine		
Moldova		
Poland		
Belarus		
Latvia		
Romania		

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

**6. WHO CAN HELP?** Rank these with your partner. Put the actors who would be best at helping the Ukraine crisis at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Vladimir Putin
- The Russian people
- Ukraine's leader
- Joe Biden
- China
- NATO
- The EU
- The United Nations

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. announced   | a. Take, move or carry people or things from one place to another by car, train, ship, etc. |
| 2. transport   | b. About a country that controls itself.  |
| 3. region      | c. Had a difficult situation to do something about.   |
| 4. independent | d. An area or part of a country or the world.   |
| 5. in light of | e. Think again about something after finding out new things about it.                       |
| 6. reassess    | f. Told people about a fact, event, or plan in a public statement.                          |
| 7. faced       | g. Thinking about an action, event or situation.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 8. runs      | h. Actions taken by a country against another country to get it to stop doing something bad.     |
| 9. sanctions | i. Soldiers or armed forces.   |
| 10. troops   | j. A statement to cause pain, injury, damage, or other bad action on someone or on a country.    |
| 11. freeze   | k. Houses, shares and other expensive things owned by a person or company.                       |
| 12. assets   | l. Stop things (e.g. bank accounts, social media accounts) from being used for a period of time. |
| 13. invade   | m. Moves or extends in a particular direction.   |
| 14. threat   | n. Enter another country or region (with an army) to take it over.                               |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

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

1. The name of the gas pipeline is the North Stream 1. **T / F**
2. Russia has recognised two regions of eastern Ukraine as being republics. **T / F**
3. Germany's Chancellor said there was no need to reassess the situation. **T / F**
4. Germany's Chancellor said there was no chance of a war in Europe. **T / F**
5. The gas pipeline is under the Baltic Sea. **T / F**
6. The U.K. has imposed sanctions on some Russian billionaires. **T / F**
7. Joe Biden said he has no plans for any sanctions. **T / F**
8. Russia's deputy foreign minister said his country would provide help. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>announced</b>   | a. penalties   |
| 2. <b>regions</b>     | b. facts       |
| 3. <b>separate</b>    | c. danger      |
| 4. <b>situation</b>   | d. valuables   |
| 5. <b>war</b>         | e. declared    |
| 6. <b>sanctions</b>   | f. take over   |
| 7. <b>assets</b>      | g. conflict    |
| 8. <b>invade</b>      | h. areas       |
| 9. <b>threat</b>      | i. help        |
| 10. <b>assistance</b> | j. independent |

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

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. transport natural gas               | a. pipeline                |
| 2. two breakaway regions               | b. regarding Nord Stream 2 |
| 3. In light of the most recent         | c. soon                    |
| 4. we must reassess the situation      | d. Second World War        |
| 5. 80 years after the end of the       | e. in eastern Ukraine      |
| 6. a 1,200-km-long                     | f. rebel-held regions      |
| 7. Closing it is one                   | g. developments            |
| 8. troops could enter the two          | h. provide assistance      |
| 9. the USA would announce sanctions    | i. of many sanctions       |
| 10. If there is a threat, then we will | j. from Russia to Europe   |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

Germany has announced it has closed the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to transport natural gas from Russia to Europe. It did this because of Russia's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised two breakaway (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in eastern Ukraine as independent countries. President Putin claimed the Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic were (4) \_\_\_\_\_ nations. Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz said: "In light of the most recent developments, we must (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the situation...regarding Nord Stream 2." He warned that Europe faced "difficult (6) \_\_\_\_\_," and that, "almost 80 years after the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Second World War, we might see a new (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in Eastern Europe."

*regions*  
*due*  
*reassess*  
*end*  
*separate*  
*war*  
*actions*  
*hours*

Nord Stream 2 is a 1,200-km-long pipeline that (9) \_\_\_\_\_ under the Baltic Sea. Closing it is one of many (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that Western nations have made against Russia. The United Kingdom announced the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ its sanctions after Mr Putin said troops could enter the two rebel-held regions of (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Ukraine. The U.K. will freeze the assets of five Russian banks and three Russian billionaires (who have also been given travel (13) \_\_\_\_\_). U.S. President Joe Biden has said the USA would (14) \_\_\_\_\_ sanctions soon. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko said Russia was not planning to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ Ukraine. He told reporters: "No one is planning to send anything anywhere. If there is a threat, then we will provide (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*assistance*  
*eastern*  
*sanctions*  
*bans*  
*invade*  
*runs*  
*announce*  
*first*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

- 1) closed the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that was due to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. transport natural aghast
  - b. transport natural gassy
  - c. transport natural gas
  - d. transport natural glass
- 2) It did this because of Russia's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. actions sin Ukraine
  - b. actions sine Ukraine
  - c. actions in Ukraine
  - d. actions sign Ukraine
- 3) Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. two break away region
  - b. too breakaway regions
  - c. two breakaway regions
  - d. to breakaway regions
- 4) In light of the most recent developments, we must \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. reassess the situation
  - b. recess the situation
  - c. re asses the situation
  - d. be assess the situation
- 5) regarding Nord Stream 2. He warned that Europe \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. faced difficult hours
  - b. faces difficult hours
  - c. face difficult hours
  - d. fast difficult hours
- 6) Nord Stream 2 is a 1,200-km-long pipeline that runs under \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the Baltic Ocean
  - b. the Baltic Sea
  - c. the Baltic Pond
  - d. the Baltic Stream
- 7) Closing it is one of many sanctions that Western \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. nations have trade
  - b. nations have made
  - c. nations have bade
  - d. nations have raid
- 8) the first of its sanctions after Mr Putin said troops could enter the two \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. rebel-old regions
  - b. rebel-hold regions
  - c. rebel-held regions
  - d. rebel-elf regions
- 9) Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko said Russia was not planning \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to invade Ukraine
  - b. to invasion Ukraine
  - c. to invader Ukraine
  - d. to invades Ukraine
- 10) If there is a threat, then we \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. will provide assist tanks
  - b. will provide a cyst ants
  - c. will provide assist stance
  - d. will provide assistance

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

Germany has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ closed the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that (2) \_\_\_\_\_ transport natural gas from Russia to Europe. It did this because of Russia's actions in Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised two breakaway (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Ukraine as independent countries. President Putin claimed the Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz said: "In light of the most recent developments, we (5) \_\_\_\_\_ situation...regarding Nord Stream 2." He warned that Europe faced "difficult hours," and that, "almost 80 years after the end of the Second World War, we (6) \_\_\_\_\_ new war in Eastern Europe."

Nord Stream 2 is a 1,200-km-long pipeline (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the Baltic Sea. Closing it is one (8) \_\_\_\_\_ that Western nations have made against Russia. The United Kingdom announced the first its sanctions after Mr Putin said troops could enter the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ regions of eastern Ukraine. The U.K. will freeze the assets of five Russian banks and three Russian billionaires (who have also been (10) \_\_\_\_\_). U.S. President Joe Biden has said the USA would announce sanctions soon. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko said Russia was not (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Ukraine. He told reporters: "No one is planning to send anything anywhere. If there is a threat, then (12) \_\_\_\_\_ assistance."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

1. What is the name of the gas pipeline?
2. How many breakaway regions did Russia recognise?
3. What does Germany's chancellor want to reassess?
4. What did Germany's chancellor say Europe faced?
5. What did Germany's chancellor say might happen in Eastern Europe?
6. How long is the gas pipeline?
7. How many banks did the U.K. impose sanctions on?
8. Who said he would announce sanctions soon?
9. What did Russia's deputy foreign minister say Russia wouldn't do?
10. What did Russia's deputy foreign minister say Russia would provide?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

- 1) What is the name of the gas pipeline?
  - a) Nord Stream 1
  - b) Nord Stream 2
  - c) North Stream 2
  - d) North Stream 1
- 2) How many breakaway regions did Russia recognise?
  - a) 4
  - b) 3
  - c) 2
  - d) 1
- 3) What does Germany's chancellor want to reassess?
  - a) its defences
  - b) its gas needs
  - c) international relations
  - d) the situation
- 4) What did Germany's chancellor say Europe faced?
  - a) Russia
  - b) difficult hours
  - c) tough times
  - d) high gas prices
- 5) What did Germany's chancellor say might happen in Eastern Europe?
  - a) war
  - b) gas shortages
  - c) a refugee crisis
  - d) inflation
- 6) How long is the gas pipeline?
  - a) 1,200km
  - b) 1,300km
  - c) 1,400km
  - d) 1,500km
- 7) How many banks did the U.K. impose sanctions on?
  - a) 8
  - b) 7
  - c) 6
  - d) 5
- 8) Who said he would announce sanctions soon?
  - a) Vladimir Putin
  - b) Ukraine's president
  - c) Joe Biden
  - d) Andrei Rudenko
- 9) What did Russia's deputy foreign minister say Russia wouldn't do?
  - a) announce sanctions
  - b) back down
  - c) fight
  - d) invade Ukraine
- 10) What did Russia's deputy foreign minister say Russia would provide?
  - a) advice
  - b) assistance
  - c) arms
  - d) shelter

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

## **Role A – Vladimir Putin**

You think Vladimir Putin is the best actor to resolve the Ukraine crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their actors wouldn't be as good. Also, tell the others which would be the least effective of these (and why): Joe Biden, NATO or the Russian people.

## **Role B – Joe Biden**

You think Joe Biden is the best actor to resolve the Ukraine crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their actors wouldn't be as good. Also, tell the others which would be the least effective of these (and why): Vladimir Putin, NATO or the Russian people.

## **Role C – NATO**

You think NATO is the best actor to resolve the Ukraine crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their actors wouldn't be as good. Also, tell the others which would be the least effective of these (and why): Joe Biden, Vladimir Putin or the Russian people.

## **Role D – The Russian People**

You think the Russian people are the best actors to resolve the Ukraine crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their actors wouldn't be as good. Also, tell the others which would be the least effective of these (and why): Joe Biden, NATO or Vladimir Putin.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

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

<b>gas</b>	<b>crisis</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>• due</li><li>• actions</li><li>• claimed</li><li>• separate</li><li>• warned</li><li>• war</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• runs</li><li>• against</li><li>• enter</li><li>• bans</li><li>• invade</li><li>• assistance</li></ul>
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# THE UKRAINE CRISIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Ukraine Crisis 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.

# THE UKRAINE CRISIS 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 'Ukraine'?
3. What do you know about Ukraine?
4. What do you know about the Nord Stream 2 pipeline?
5. What has caused the current crisis?
6. Should the breakaway regions be recognised internationally?
7. What is the relationship between Russia and Ukraine?
8. Who is right and who is wrong in this crisis?
9. Do you think this crisis will lead to a European war?
10. What advice do you have for Vladimir Putin?

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# THE UKRAINE CRISIS 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 'crisis'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Vladimir Putin?
15. What do you think of sanctions?
16. How much will the UK's sanctions hurt Russia?
17. What would you do to end this crisis?
18. What does your country's leader say about the crisis?
19. What do you think the situation will be like in a month's time?
20. What questions would you like to ask Vladimir Putin?

## 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

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

- |     |              |                |               |                 |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) cloze    | (b) closet     | (c) closed    | (d) clothed     |
| 2.  | (a) because  | (b) due        | (c) thus      | (d) so          |
| 3.  | (a) regions  | (b) region     | (c) regional  | (d) regionally  |
| 4.  | (a) separate | (b) separately | (c) disparate | (d) disparately |
| 5.  | (a) night    | (b) right      | (c) sight     | (d) light       |
| 6.  | (a) fronted  | (b) skulled    | (c) headed    | (d) faced       |
| 7.  | (a) runs     | (b) jogs       | (c) paces     | (d) sprints     |
| 8.  | (a) pro      | (b) post       | (c) after     | (d) against     |
| 9.  | (a) held     | (b) hold       | (c) holds     | (d) holding     |
| 10. | (a) vans     | (b) bans       | (c) cans      | (d) fans        |
| 11. | (a) for      | (b) to         | (c) at        | (d) by          |
| 12. | (a) threat   | (b) treat      | (c) thread    | (d) tread       |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. Germany has naecnodun it has closed...
2. transport naulrta gas
3. two breakaway rgsioen
4. separate tasonni
5. we must ssaeesr the situation
6. Europe faced udlticiff hours

## Paragraph 2

7. one of many aoscisntn
8. Mr Putin said oports could enter
9. eestarn Ukraine
10. three Russian riieisollban
11. Russia was not planning to evandi Ukraine
12. we will provide nicssaaets

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

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

- ( ) light of the most recent developments, we must reassess the situation...
- ( ) Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic were separate nations. Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz said: "In
- ( ) recognised two breakaway regions in eastern Ukraine as independent countries. President Putin claimed the
- ( ) the assets of five Russian banks and three Russian billionaires (who have also been given travel bans). U.S. President Joe Biden has
- ( ) regarding Nord Stream 2." He warned that Europe faced "difficult hours," and that, "almost 80 years
- ( **1** ) Germany has announced it has closed the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that was due to transport natural gas from
- ( ) Russia to Europe. It did this because of Russia's actions in Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin
- ( ) anything anywhere. If there is a threat, then we will provide assistance."
- ( ) sanctions that Western nations have made against Russia. The United Kingdom announced the first
- ( ) of its sanctions after Mr Putin said troops could enter the two rebel-held regions of eastern Ukraine. The U.K. will freeze
- ( ) Nord Stream 2 is a 1,200-km-long pipeline that runs under the Baltic Sea. Closing it is one of many
- ( ) said the USA would announce sanctions soon. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko said Russia was not
- ( ) planning to invade Ukraine. He told reporters: "No one is planning to send
- ( ) after the end of the Second World War, we might see a new war in Eastern Europe."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

1. to transport to Europe . from Due gas Russia
2. regions in recognised Putin breakaway two eastern Ukraine .
3. developments . In light of the recent most
4. years the after Almost of end WWII . 80
5. might in Europe . see a Eastern We war
6. long under runs sea . pipeline that the A
7. it one many Closing of sanctions . is
8. eastern rebel-held regions Enter of two Ukraine . the
9. sanctions would Biden said announce the USA soon .
10. anything is planning No anywhere . send one to

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220224-ukraine-crisis.html>

Germany has *announced* / *announcing* it has closed the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that was due / *for* to transport natural gas from Russia to Europe. It *did* / *done* this because of Russia's actions in Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised two breakaway *region* / *regions* in eastern Ukraine *as* / *has* independent countries. President Putin claimed the Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic were *separately* / *separate* nations. Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz said: "In light *of* / *off* the most recent developments, we must reassess the *situated* / *situation*...regarding Nord Stream 2." He warned that Europe *faced* / *headed* "difficult hours," and that, "almost 80 years after the end of the Second World War, we might see a new *war* / *warn* in Eastern Europe."

Nord Stream 2 is a 1,200-km-long pipeline that *walks* / *runs* under the Baltic Sea. Closing it is one of *many* / *any* sanctions that Western nations have made against Russia. The United Kingdom announced the *first* / *firstly* its sanctions after Mr Putin said *troops* / *troop* could enter the two rebel-held regions of eastern Ukraine. The U.K. will *cold* / *freeze* the assets of five Russian banks and three Russian billionaires (who have also been *given* / *gave* travel bans). U.S. President Joe Biden has said the USA would announce sanctions *soonish* / *soon*. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko said Russia was not planning *to* / *for* invade Ukraine. He told reporters: "No one is planning to send anything *somewhere* / *anywhere*. If there is a threat, then we will provide *assistance* / *assist*."

**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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d\_v\_l\_p\_m\_n\_t\_s, w\_ m\_st r\_\_ss\_ss th\_  
s\_t\_\_t\_\_n...r\_g\_r\_d\_n\_g N\_r\_d Str\_\_m 2." H\_ w\_r\_n\_d th\_t  
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m\_gh\_t s\_\_ \_ n\_w w\_r \_n \_\_st\_rn \_\_r\_p\_."

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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germany has announced it has closed the nord stream 2 pipeline that was due to transport natural gas from russia to europe it did this because of russia's actions in ukraine russian president vladimir putin recognised two breakaway regions in eastern ukraine as independent countries president putin claimed the donetsk peoples republic and the lugansk peoples republic were separate nations germany's chancellor olaf scholz said in light of the most recent developments we must reassess the situation regarding nord stream 2 he warned that europe faced difficult hours and that almost 80 years after the end of the second world war we might see a new war in eastern europe

nord stream 2 is a 1200kmlong pipeline that runs under the baltic sea closing it is one of many sanctions that western nations have made against russia the united kingdom announced the first its sanctions after mr putin said troops could enter the two rebelheld regions of eastern ukraine the uk will freeze the assets of five russian banks and three russian billionaires who have also been given travel bans us president joe biden has said the usa would announce sanctions soon russia's deputy foreign minister andrei rudenko said russia was not planning to invade ukraine he told reporters no one is planning to send anything anywhere if there is a threat then we will provide assistance

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Germany has announced it has closed the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that was due to transport natural gas from Russia to Europe. It did this because of Russia's actions in Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised two breakaway regions in eastern Ukraine as independent countries. President Putin claimed the Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic were separate nations. Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz said: "In light of the most recent developments, we must reassess the situation... regarding Nord Stream 2." He warned that Europe faced "difficult hours," and that, "almost 80 years after the end of the Second World War, we might see a new war in Eastern Europe". Nord Stream 2 is a 1,200-km-long pipeline that runs under the Baltic Sea. Closing it is one of many sanctions that Western nations have made against Russia. The United Kingdom announced the first of its sanctions after Mr Putin said troops could enter the two rebel-held regions of eastern Ukraine. The U.K. will freeze the assets of five Russian banks and three Russian billionaires (who have also been given travel bans). U.S. President Joe Biden has said the USA would announce sanctions soon. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko said Russia was not planning to invade Ukraine. He told reporters: "No one is planning to send anything anywhere. If there is a threat, then we will provide assistance."







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

**3. THE UKRAINE CRISIS:** Make a poster about the Ukraine crisis. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. WAR:** Write a magazine article about the Ukraine crisis leading to a wider war. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with those who do not believe 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. 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 the Ukraine Crisis. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to resolve this crisis. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. g    6. e    7. c  
8. m    9. h    10. i    11. l    12. k    13. n    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 F    5 T    6 T    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. h	3. j	4. b	5. g
6. a	7. d	8. f	9. c	10. i

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Nord Stream 2
2. Two
3. The situation
4. Difficult hours
5. War
6. 1,200km
7. Five
8. Joe Biden
9. Invade Ukraine
10. Assistance

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Due to transport gas from Russia to Europe.
2. Putin recognised two breakaway regions in eastern Ukraine.
3. In light of the most recent developments.
4. Almost 80 years after the end of WWII.
5. We might see a war in Eastern Europe.
6. A long pipeline that runs under the sea.
7. Closing it is one of many sanctions.
8. Enter the two rebel-held regions of eastern Ukraine.
9. Biden said the USA would announce sanctions soon.
10. No one is planning to send anything anywhere.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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