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Russia vows to find suicide bomb group

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THE ARTICLE

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Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev has promised to "find and destroy" those behind the deadly Moscow Metro attacks on Monday. The double suicide bombing left at least 38 people dead and injured more than 60 others. The attacks happened during the busy morning rush hour as people were waiting to board a train. They were the deadliest in Moscow since February 2004, when 40 people were also killed by a bomb in the Metro. Security official Alexander Bortnikov said Monday's attack was carried out by two female suicide bombers. The first attack took place on a train waiting at the central Lubyanka metro station. This is directly below the headquarters of the Federal Security Service. The second, 42 minutes later, happened six stations away at Park Kultury.

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WARM-UPS

1. TERRORISM: Walk around the class and talk to other students about terrorism. 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.

suicide bombers / promises / rush hour / trains / security / central / metro stations / responsibility / blame / rebels / fighting / independence / leaders / support / powers

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

3. FEARS: What are you worried about today? Complete this table. Talk about what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you heard.

Thing	Worries	What to do about worrying
Terrorism		
Crime		
Global warming		
Job security		
Cyber crime		
War		

4. TERRORISM: Students A **strongly** believe terrorism will completely disappear in the future; Students B **strongly** believe terrorism will never disappear. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. DANGEROUS PLACES: Which of these places are most dangerous? Rank them and share your rankings with your partner(s). Put the most dangerous at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- train station
- highway
- shopping mall
- sports stadium
- airplane
- street market
- school
- a tourist attraction

6. REBEL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'rebel'. 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).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Russia has said it will find all of the world's suicide bombers. | T / F |
| b. The attacks occurred in the busy evening rush hour on Moscow's Metro. | T / F |
| c. This attack is the deadliest ever in Moscow. | T / F |
| d. The two attacks were separated by 42 minutes and six train stops. | T / F |
| e. A group from Chechnya said it carried out the attacks. | T / F |
| f. More than 100,000 died in fighting between Russia and Chechnya. | T / F |
| g. The U.S. President called his Russian counterpart with an offer of aid. | T / F |
| h. The foreign ministers from G8 countries offered their condolences. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. promised | a. wipe out |
| 2. destroy | b. get on |
| 3. double | c. happened |
| 4. board | d. sympathy |
| 5. took place | e. areas |
| 6. quick | f. vowed |
| 7. blame | g. called |
| 8. regions | h. accuse |
| 9. phoned | i. twin |
| 10. condolences | j. speedy |

3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. destroy those behind the deadly | a. Lubyanka metro station |
| 2. The double suicide | b. to add their support |
| 3. The attacks happened during the busy | c. to the Russian people |
| 4. carried out by two female | d. Moscow Metro attacks |
| 5. a train waiting at the central | e. suicide bombers |
| 6. No group has claimed responsibility | f. over a decade |
| 7. fighting for independence for | g. bombing |
| 8. world leaders have been quick | h. industrial powers |
| 9. express his sympathy | i. morning rush hour |
| 10. the world's biggest | j. for the attacks |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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

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during

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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 'rush' and 'hour'.

rush	hour

- 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">• promised• double• busy• since• place• six	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• claimed• regions• decade• rebels• phoned• biggest
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STUDENT TERRORISM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about terrorism 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.

TERRORISM 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 'terrorism'?
- c) What were your first thoughts when you heard about this attack?
- d) Do you worry about terrorism?
- e) What can a city do to protect itself against terrorism?
- f) Do you think security services are effective in fighting terrorism?
- g) What's the difference between terrorism and freedom fighting?
- h) Is terrorism similar to war, or is it totally different?
- i) What do you know about the attacks on the Moscow Metro?
- j) Do you think Russian authorities will find the group behind the bombings?

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TERRORISM DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) Who do you think is behind the attacks?
- c) What do you know about the recent history of Chechnya and Ingushetia?
- d) Do you think it's worth fighting for independence?
- e) Do you think rebels fighting for independence will ever give up?
- f) What do you think President Obama said to President Medvedev?
- g) How do you think we can rid the world of terrorism?
- h) What do you think terrorism will look like 50 years from now?
- i) When was the last time you sent your condolences to someone?
- j) What questions would you like to ask President Medvedev?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

- | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. (a) ahead | (b) sideways | (c) behind | (d) above |
| 2. (a) injury | (b) injures | (c) injuries | (d) injured |
| 3. (a) board | (b) hoard | (c) afford | (d) cord |
| 4. (a) in | (b) out | (c) up | (d) at |
| 5. (a) direct | (b) directly | (c) directs | (d) direction |
| 6. (a) away | (b) around | (c) about | (d) afar |
| 7. (a) soon | (b) since | (c) yet | (d) for |
| 8. (a) to | (b) from | (c) for | (d) of |
| 9. (a) in | (b) on | (c) an | (d) to |
| 10. (a) speed | (b) rush | (c) quick | (d) haste |
| 11. (a) expression | (b) express | (c) expressive | (d) expressed |
| 12. (a) opened | (b) sympathized | (c) did | (d) sent |

WRITING

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Write about **terrorism** for 10 minutes. Correct your partner's paper.

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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 Moscow Metro attacks. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TERRORISM: Make a poster about terrorism. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HELP: Write a magazine article about ending terrorism around the world. Include imaginary interviews with a world citizen and a world leader.

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 the head of a security service. Ask him/her three questions about terrorism. Give him/her three of your opinions on how to end terrorism. 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. F d. T e. F f. T g. T h. T

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LANGUAGE WORK

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