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## **Level 6**

# **Tensions escalate in Ukraine**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

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The White House has said it no longer considers Mr Yanukovich to be the president of Ukraine. The U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry also warned Russia not to intervene in Ukrainian affairs. A White House spokesman said: "We strongly support Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty." Fears are increasing that Ukraine could break in two as pro-Russian separatists are becoming more active, especially in the autonomous region of Crimea. Armed gunmen wearing Russian military uniforms were reportedly guarding Crimea's main airport on Friday. Ukraine's acting president Oleksander Turchynov warned Russia against "military aggression" after Russia mobilised 150,000 troops near the Ukrainian border.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/ukraine/10666557/Keep-out-of-Ukraine-America-tells-Russia.html>  
<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/ukraine-warns-russia-as-tensions-build/495390.html>

# WARM-UPS

**1. UKRAINE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Ukraine. Change partners often 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.

*tensions / street demonstrations / helicopter / bloody battles / resignation / capital / intervene / spokesman / support / integrity / autonomous / uniforms / mobilised*

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

**3. PROTESTS:** What would it take for you to protest? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

Protest about...	When would you protest?	How would you protest?
prices		
the right to vote		
equal rights		
war		
nuclear power		
taxes		

**4. UNITED:** Students A **strongly** believe Ukraine should stay united; Students B **strongly** believe it's better in the long run for the country to split. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. TENSIONS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest tensions at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- immigration
- policing
- unemployment
- environmental issues
- pensions
- freedom
- elitism
- rising prices

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Ukraine's president fled Ukraine in a speed boat along the Black Sea.  | T / F |
| b. Riot police were responsible for the deaths of hundreds of protestors. | T / F |
| c. Protestors were calling for economic reforms.                          | T / F |
| d. The violence in the east was worse than that in the capital Kiev.      | T / F |
| e. The USA no longer recognizes Viktor Yanukovich as president.           | T / F |
| f. The article says Russia warned the USA not to intervene in Ukraine.    | T / F |
| g. People are worried Ukraine could split into two countries.             | T / F |
| h. Russia has sent over 145,000 soldiers to wait near Ukraine's border.   | T / F |

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

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. escalating     | a. calling for    |
| 2. demonstrations | b. self-governing |
| 3. bloody         | c. protests       |
| 4. demanding      | d. provisional    |
| 5. largely        | e. hostility      |
| 6. intervene      | f. rising         |
| 7. autonomous     | g. soldiers       |
| 8. acting         | h. brutal         |
| 9. aggression     | i. get involved   |
| 10. troops        | j. mainly         |

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

- |                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. street                          | a. region of Crimea          |
| 2. fought bloody                   | b. with the European Union   |
| 3. closer ties                     | c. aggression                |
| 4. the levels of violence          | d. demonstrations            |
| 5. lean more towards               | e. Russian military uniforms |
| 6. Ukraine's territorial integrity | f. battles                   |
| 7. the autonomous                  | g. 150,000 troops            |
| 8. Armed gunmen wearing            | h. Russia than the EU        |
| 9. military                        | i. and sovereignty           |
| 10. Russia mobilised               | j. witnessed in the capital  |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

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*ties*  
*protestors*  
*following*  
*lean*  
*street*  
*resignation*  
*scores*  
*witnessed*

The White House has said it no longer (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Yanukovich to be the president of Ukraine. The U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry also warned Russia not to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in Ukrainian affairs. A White House spokesman said: "We strongly support Ukraine's territorial (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and sovereignty." Fears are increasing that Ukraine could break in two as pro-Russian separatists are becoming more active, especially in the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ region of Crimea. Armed gunmen wearing Russian military uniforms were (13) \_\_\_\_\_ guarding Crimea's main airport on Friday. Ukraine's (14) \_\_\_\_\_ president Oleksander Turchynov warned Russia against "military (15) \_\_\_\_\_ " after Russia mobilised 150,000 (16) \_\_\_\_\_ near the Ukrainian border.

*autonomous*  
*troops*  
*integrity*  
*considers*  
*acting*  
*intervene*  
*reportedly*  
*aggression*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

- 1) Thousands of protestors in west Ukraine \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. fought bloody battle
  - b. fought bloodied battles
  - c. fought blood die battles
  - d. fought bloody battles
- 2) Scores of people died in the violence, many shot \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. by riotous police
  - b. by rioting police
  - c. by riot police
  - d. by rioted police
- 3) economic reforms and \_\_\_\_\_ the European Union
  - a. closer ties with
  - b. closer tie with
  - c. closer dies with
  - d. closer tie-ups with
- 4) The east of the country did not see the levels of violence \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. witness it in the capital
  - b. witnessed it in the capital
  - c. witnessing in the capital
  - d. witnessed in the capital
- 5) people there voted for Yanukovych and \_\_\_\_\_ Russia than the EU
  - a. lean move towards
  - b. lean more towards
  - c. lead move towards
  - d. lead more towards
- 6) We strongly support Ukraine's territorial \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. integrity and sovereignty
  - b. integrity and sovereign tea
  - c. integrity and sovereign's tea
  - d. integrity and sovereigns' tea
- 7) Ukraine could break in two as pro-Russian separatists are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. become in more active
  - b. bee coming more active
  - c. bee come in more active
  - d. becoming more active
- 8) especially in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Crimea
  - a. autonomous region
  - b. automatic region
  - c. autonomy region
  - d. auto monotonous region
- 9) Armed gunmen wearing Russian \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. military uniform
  - b. military uniforms
  - c. militaries uniforms
  - d. militarised uniforms
- 10) Turchynov warned Russia against "military aggression" after Russia \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. mobilised 150,000 troops
  - b. mobile idolised 150,000 troops
  - c. Moby likes 150,000 troops
  - d. mobilises 150,000 troops

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

1. How did Ukraine's president leave the country?

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2. What kind of battles were fought in Kiev?

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3. How many people died?

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4. What were protestors demanding of Mr Yanukovich?

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5. Where do most eastern Ukrainians lean?

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6. Who or what said Mr Yanukovich was no longer Ukraine's president?

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7. What are people worried might happen to Ukraine?

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8. Who are becoming more active in Ukraine?

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9. What were armed gunmen wearing at a Crimean airport?

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10. How many Russian soldiers are near the Ukrainian border?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

1. How did Ukraine's president leave the country?
  - a) on foot
  - b) by helicopter
  - c) limousine
  - d) by speed boat
2. What kind of battles were fought in Kiev?
  - a) opportune ones
  - b) tactical ones
  - c) quick ones
  - d) bloody ones
3. How many people died?
  - a) dozens
  - b) thousands
  - c) scores
  - d) legions
4. What were protestors demanding of Mr Yanukovych?
  - a) that he resign
  - b) to become an EU member
  - c) bread
  - d) more pay
5. Where do most eastern Ukrainians lean?
  - a) in their living room
  - b) towards Russia
  - c) their stomachs
  - d) to the right
6. Who or what said Mr Yanukovych was no longer Ukraine's president?
  - a) the White House
  - b) the Kremlin
  - c) Westminster
  - d) Beijing
7. What are people worried might happen to Ukraine?
  - a) it might go bankrupt
  - b) it will join the EU
  - c) it might split in two
  - d) it might change its capital
8. Who are becoming more active in Ukraine?
  - a) separatists
  - b) Russian soldiers
  - c) journalists
  - d) soccer hooligans
9. What were armed gunmen wearing at a Crimean airport?
  - a) soccer shirts
  - b) national dress
  - c) smiles
  - d) Russian uniforms
10. How many Russian soldiers are near the Ukrainian border?
  - a) 155,000
  - b) 15,000
  - c) 150,000
  - d) 15,500

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

## **Role A – Immigration**

You think immigration is the biggest source of tension. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): unemployment, the cost of living or inequality.

## **Role B – Unemployment**

You think unemployment is the biggest source of tension. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): immigration, the cost of living or inequality.

## **Role C – Cost of living**

You think the cost of living is the biggest source of tension. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): unemployment, immigration or inequality.

## **Role D – Inequality**

You think inequality is the biggest source of tension. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): unemployment, the cost of living or immigration.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

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

<b>bloody</b>	<b>battle</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>• last</li><li>• led</li><li>• west</li><li>• ties</li><li>• east</li><li>• lean</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• longer</li><li>• intervene</li><li>• fears</li><li>• active</li><li>• main</li><li>• near</li></ul>
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# UKRAINE SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Ukraine 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.

# UKRAINE 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 'Ukraine'?
- c) What do you know about the history of Ukraine?
- d) How interested are you in what's happening in Ukraine?
- e) How worried are you about what's happening in Ukraine?
- f) Did the protestors win a victory when the president fled?
- g) Should Ukraine follow Europe or Russia?
- h) What would make you protest in the street?
- i) Do you think there will be civil war in Ukraine?
- j) What things is Ukraine most famous for?

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# UKRAINE DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Is the White House right to warn Russia over Ukraine?
- c) Does Russia have a right to intervene in Ukraine?
- d) Will Ukraine have the same borders in 20 years from now?
- e) What would happen regionally if Ukraine split in two?
- f) Can you see the U.S. and Russia fighting a war over Ukraine?
- g) Should Crimea become a separate country?
- h) Why are men in Russian uniforms guarding a Ukrainian airport?
- i) Is Russia wrong to send 150,000 troops to the Ukraine border?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Ukraine's president?

## **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 <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

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

- |     |                |                |                  |               |
|-----|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) roasting   | (b) outing     | (c) ousting      | (d) outline   |
| 2.  | (a) street     | (b) avenue     | (c) highway      | (d) avenue    |
| 3.  | (a) bloody     | (b) bloodhound | (c) bloodletting | (d) bloods    |
| 4.  | (a) Scores     | (b) Shores     | (c) Spores       | (d) Stores    |
| 5.  | (a) threads    | (b) laces      | (c) wraps        | (d) ties      |
| 6.  | (a) develop    | (b) rise       | (c) orient       | (d) lean      |
| 7.  | (a) longer     | (b) lengthen   | (c) elongates    | (d) longings  |
| 8.  | (a) on         | (b) up         | (c) of           | (d) in        |
| 9.  | (a) as         | (b) was        | (c) has          | (d) is        |
| 10. | (a) autocratic | (b) autonomous | (c) automated    | (d) automatic |
| 11. | (a) performing | (b) acting     | (c) playing      | (d) relishing |
| 12. | (a) troops     | (b) clerks     | (c) agents       | (d) files     |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. last week's otgnsui of president Viktor Yanukovich
2. street niotoetrdassnm
3. fought oblyod battles in the capital
4. cessro of people died in the violence
5. protestors were demanding the noigarnesit
6. levels of violence wdsneteis in the capital

## Paragraph 2

7. warned Russia not to evnneteir
8. We strongly support Ukraine's territorial etgiitrny
9. pro-Russian iepststsaar
10. the smaouonout region of Crimea
11. rgadgiun Crimea's main airport
12. military irogasngse



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

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

- ( ) the capital, Kiev. Scores of people died in the violence, many shot by riot police. The protestors were
- ( ) sovereignty." Fears are increasing that Ukraine could break in two as pro-Russian separatists are
- ( **1** ) Tensions are escalating in Ukraine following last week's ousting of president Viktor Yanukovych. Weeks
- ( ) becoming more active, especially in the autonomous region of Crimea. Armed gunmen
- ( ) the middle of the night. Thousands of protestors in west Ukraine fought bloody battles in
- ( ) of street demonstrations led to Mr Yanukovych leaving the country by helicopter in
- ( ) demanding the resignation of Mr Yanukovych, economic reforms, and closer
- ( ) affairs. A White House spokesman said: "We strongly support Ukraine's territorial integrity and
- ( ) of Ukraine. The U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry also warned Russia not to intervene in Ukrainian
- ( ) capital, largely because most people there voted for Yanukovych and lean more towards Russia than the EU.
- ( ) The White House has said it no longer considers Mr Yanukovych to be the president
- ( ) president Oleksander Turchynov warned Russia against "military aggression" after Russia mobilised 150,000 troops near the Ukrainian border.
- ( ) wearing Russian military uniforms were reportedly guarding Crimea's main airport on Friday. Ukraine's acting
- ( ) ties with the European Union. The east of the country did not see the levels of violence witnessed in the

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

1. the in helicopter by country the Leaving night the of middle.

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2. the in died people of Scores violence.

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3. the and with Union reforms ties European Economic closer.

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4. levels the of capital violence witnessed The in.

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5. people there Largely voted because for most Yanukovych.

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6. also Kerry intervene to not Russia warned.

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7. Fears that break increasing could two are Ukraine in.

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8. autonomous the in Especially Crimea of region.

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9. wearing military gunmen Russian uniforms Armed.

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10. 150 troops Ukrainian Mobilised 000 the , near border.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

Tensions are escalating in Ukraine following last week's *outing / ousting* of president Viktor Yanukovich. Weeks of street demonstrations *bled / led* to Mr Yanukovich leaving the country *in / by* helicopter in the middle of the night. Thousands of protestors in west Ukraine fought *bloody / blood* battles in the capital, Kiev. *Scores / Shoots* of people died in the violence, many shot by *riot / riotous* police. The protestors were *demeaning / demanding* the resignation of Mr Yanukovich, economic reforms, and closer *wraps / ties* with the European Union. The east of the country did not see the levels of violence *witnessed / witnessing* in the capital, largely because most people there voted for Yanukovich and *lean / learn* more towards Russia than the EU.

The White House has said it no *more / longer* considers Mr Yanukovich to be the president of Ukraine. The U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry also warned Russia not to *contravene / intervene* in Ukrainian affairs. A White House spokesman said: "We *strongly / strengthening* support Ukraine's territorial integrity and *sovereigns / sovereignty*." Fears are increasing that Ukraine could break in two as pro-Russian *separatists / separates* are becoming more active, especially in the *autonomy / autonomous* region of Crimea. Armed gunmen *wore / wearing* Russian military uniforms were *reporting / reportedly* guarding Crimea's main airport on Friday. Ukraine's acting president Oleksander Turchynov warned Russia against "military *regression / aggression*" after Russia mobilised 150,000 troops near the Ukrainian *border / edge*.

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

Tens\_\_ns\_\_r\_\_sc\_l\_t\_ng\_\_n\_\_kr\_\_n\_\_f\_ll\_w\_ng\_\_l\_st  
w\_\_k's\_\_st\_ng\_\_f\_pr\_s\_d\_nt\_\_V\_kt\_r\_\_Y\_n\_k\_vych. W\_\_ks  
\_f\_str\_\_t\_d\_m\_nstr\_t\_\_ns\_\_l\_d\_t\_\_Mr\_\_Y\_n\_k\_vych\_\_l\_\_v\_ng  
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Th\_\_s\_\_nds\_\_f\_\_pr\_t\_st\_rs\_\_n\_\_w\_\_st\_\_kr\_\_n\_\_f\_\_ght\_\_bl\_\_dy  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140302-ukraine.html>

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the white house has said it no longer considers mr yanukovych to be the president of ukraine the us secretary of state john kerry also warned russia not to intervene in ukrainian affairs a white house spokesman said "we strongly support ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty" fears are increasing that ukraine could break in two as pro-russian separatists are becoming more active especially in the autonomous region of crimea armed gunmen wearing russian military uniforms were reportedly guarding crimea's main airport on friday ukraine's acting president oleksander turchynov warned russia against "military aggression" after russia mobilised 150000 troops near the ukrainian border

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 Ukraine. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. UNITED:** Write a magazine article about the future of Ukraine. Include imaginary interviews with someone who believes it is better for the country to break in two and with someone who thinks it should remain a united country.

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 Ukraine's president. Ask him three questions about the current situation in Ukraine. Give him three of your opinions. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. escalating     | a. rising         |
| 2. demonstrations | b. protests       |
| 3. bloody         | c. brutal         |
| 4. demanding      | d. calling for    |
| 5. largely        | e. mainly         |
| 6. intervene      | f. get involved   |
| 7. autonomous     | g. self-governing |
| 8. acting         | h. provisional    |
| 9. aggression     | i. hostility      |
| 10. troops        | j. soldiers       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. By helicopter
2. Bloody battles
3. Scores
4. That he resign
5. Towards Russia
6. The White House
7. It might split in two
8. Pro-Russian separatists
9. Russian military uniforms
10. 150,000

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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