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## **Level 4**

### **Hacked Sony film raises US - N. Korea tensions**

**21st December, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141221-the-interview-4.html>

There are tensions between the USA and North Korea after a cyber-attack on the movie company Sony Pictures. Sony cancelled its movie 'The Interview' after a group called The Guardians of Peace threatened to attack cinemas. The movie is about two journalists who want to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. The group said the attacks would be "9/11 style". The group also said it would put more confidential data about Sony online.

Sony cancelled the movie "in the interests of public safety". President Obama said dictators could not censor things in the USA. He said: "Imagine what they start doing once they see a documentary that they don't like or news reports that they don't like." A US senator said it was "an act of war" and "the greatest blow to free speech". A politician said: "America has lost its first cyber-war." A Hollywood actor tweeted: "The hackers won."

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2014/12/19/politics/fbi-north-korea-responsible-sony/>  
<http://news.sky.com/story/1393913/actors-slam-hollywood-for-caving-in-to-threats>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-30530361>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141221-the-interview-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. There are         | a. attack cinemas        |
| 2. a cyber-attack    | b. leader Kim Jong-un    |
| 3. Sony cancelled    | c. on the movie company  |
| 4. threatened to     | d. data                  |
| 5. The movie is      | e. its movie             |
| 6. North Korean      | f. tensions              |
| 7. the attacks would | g. about two journalists |
| 8. confidential      | h. be "9/11 style"       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Sony cancelled         | a. censor things in the USA |
| 2. in the interests       | b. of war                   |
| 3. dictators could not    | c. that they don't like     |
| 4. Imagine what           | d. reports                  |
| 5. they see a documentary | e. of public safety         |
| 6. news                   | f. its first cyber-war      |
| 7. an act                 | g. the movie                |
| 8. America has lost       | h. they start doing         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the USA and North Korea after a cyber-  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ company Sony Pictures. Sony cancelled its  
movie 'The Interview' (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The Guardians of Peace  
threatened to attack cinemas. The movie is about two journalists  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. The group  
said the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ "9/11 style". The group also said it  
would put more (6) \_\_\_\_\_ about Sony online.

Sony cancelled the movie "(7) \_\_\_\_\_ public safety".  
President Obama said dictators could (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
USA. He said: "Imagine what they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ they see a  
documentary that (10) \_\_\_\_\_ reports that they don't like."

A US senator said it was "(11) \_\_\_\_\_" and "the greatest  
blow to free speech". A politician said: "America  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ cyber-war." A Hollywood actor tweeted: "The  
hackers won."

# WORLD TENSIONS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141221-the-interview-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about world tensions 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

