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Hacked Sony film raises US - N. Korea tensions

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THE READING

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Tension between the USA and North Korea is rising after a cyber-attack on the movie company Sony Pictures. Sony cancelled all screenings of its movie 'The Interview' after a group, calling itself The Guardians of Peace, threatened to attack cinemas that showed it. The group said the attacks would be "9/11 style". The movie is a political comedy about two US journalists wanting to interview and assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. The group also threatened Sony that it would put more confidential data online that could damage the company if it did not stop the movie.

Sony cancelled the movie "in the interests of public safety". President Obama said: "We cannot have a society in which some dictators some place can start imposing censorship here." He added: "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 the cyber-attack was "an act of war" and "the greatest blow to free speech". Another politician said: "America has lost its first cyber-war." An actor tweeted: "Everyone caved [in]. The hackers won. An utter and complete victory for them."

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a cyber-attack on | a. that showed it |
| 2. Sony cancelled | b. data online |
| 3. attack cinemas | c. comedy |
| 4. the attacks would | d. not stop the movie |
| 5. The movie is a political | e. all screenings |
| 6. The group also | f. the movie company |
| 7. put more confidential | g. be "9/11 style" |
| 8. damage the company if it did | h. threatened Sony |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. in the interests | a. that they don't like |
| 2. start imposing | b. won |
| 3. once they see a documentary | c. first cyber-war |
| 4. the cyber-attack was | d. victory for them |
| 5. the greatest blow to | e. "an act of war" |
| 6. America has lost its | f. of public safety |
| 7. The hackers | g. free speech |
| 8. An utter and complete | h. censorship |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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cyber-attack on the movie company Sony Pictures. Sony
(2) _____ its movie 'The Interview' after a group, calling
itself The Guardians of Peace, (3) _____ cinemas that
showed it. The group said the attacks would (4) _____.
The movie is a political comedy about two US journalists
(5) _____ and assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong-
un. The group also threatened Sony that it would put more
(6) _____ online that could damage the company if it did
not stop the movie.

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dictators some place can start (10) _____ here." He
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they don't like or (11) _____ don't like." A US senator said
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WORLD TENSIONS SURVEY

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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) _____

