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Level 6

USA and Russia in election hacking tit-for-tat

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170101-hacking.html>

A new crisis is looming between the USA and Russia. It has been brewing since the U.S. presidential election in November amid accusations by Hillary Clinton's team of Russian interference in the electoral process. U.S. officials claimed that Russian intelligence agencies hacked into and stole e-mails from the servers of Ms Clinton's party and released them on the Wikileaks website. The officials said Russian President Vladimir Putin wanted to influence American voters into voting for President-elect Donald Trump. President Barack Obama vowed to take action over the allegations and has expelled 35 Russian diplomats from Washington. He has also shut down two Russian intelligence compounds in the U.S.

Russia has responded angrily to the expulsions and has denied any involvement in the alleged hacking. It called the U.S. actions "ungrounded". It is likely there will be a tit-for-tat response from Russia. Moscow has promised an "appropriate response" and "counter-measures". Any retaliation, however, may be less severe due to the upcoming inauguration of Mr Trump as President. A Russian spokesman said: "These decisions were taken by President Obama, but Trump will become the head of state in three weeks' time. Of course, this factor will certainly be taken into account one way or another." Mr Trump seeks to put US-Russian relations on a better footing and has a good relationship with Mr Putin.

Sources: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/12/29/after-obama-sanctions-russia-trump-says-its-time-to-move-on-to-bigger-and-better-things>
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<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2016/12/30/obama-sanctions-russia-good-move-that-comes-too-late.html>

WARM-UPS

1. HACKING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about hacking. 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?

crisis / brewing / election / process / intelligence agencies / influence / allegations / angrily / hacking / tit-for-tat / response / severe / decisions / factor / relations

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

3. EXPULSIONS: Students A **strongly** believe it was right that the USA expelled the Russian diplomats; Students B **strongly** believe it wasn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CYBERCRIME: How bad are these types of cybercrime How can we fight them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How bad is it?	How do we fight it?
Hacking		
Phishing		
Cyber-bullying		
ID theft		
Illegal downloads		
Revenge porn		

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

6. GOOD RELATIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that help good relations between countries at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- leaders are friends
- same language
- same religion
- trade
- sporting ties
- developmental aid
- being neighbours
- cultural exchanges

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170101-hacking.html>

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

- a. A crisis has been brewing between the USA and Russia for over a year. **T / F**
- b. There is a tit-for-tat concerning Hillary Clinton's e-mail being hacked. **T / F**
- c. The e-mails were posted on the website Wikipedia. **T / F**
- d. The USA expelled two Russian diplomats and closed 35 Russian offices. **T / F**
- e. Russia called the U.S. allegations "unearthed". **T / F**
- f. Russia has promised to respond with counter-measures. **T / F**
- g. Russian retaliation might be toned down because of Donald Trump. **T / F**
- h. Donald Trump wants to put US-Russian relations on a good footing. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. crisis | a. supposed |
| 2. accusations | b. affect |
| 3. interference | c. thrown out |
| 4. influence | d. repudiated |
| 5. expelled | e. charges |
| 6. denied | f. revenge |
| 7. alleged | g. unquestionably |
| 8. retaliation | h. critical period |
| 9. certainly | i. basis |
| 10. footing | j. meddling |

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

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. A new crisis is | a. from the servers |
| 2. It has been brewing since the | b. state |
| 3. hacked into and stole e-mails | c. compounds |
| 4. Obama vowed to take action | d. angrily to the expulsions |
| 5. shut down two Russian intelligence | e. looming |
| 6. Russia has responded | f. response from Russia |
| 7. denied any involvement | g. over the allegations |
| 8. It is likely there will be a tit-for-tat | h. footing |
| 9. head of | i. in the alleged hacking |
| 10. put US-Russian relations on a better | j. U.S. presidential election |

GAP FILL

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A new crisis is (1) _____ between the USA and Russia. It has been brewing since the U.S. presidential election in November amid (2) _____ by Hillary Clinton's team of Russian interference in the electoral (3) _____. U.S. officials claimed that Russian intelligence agencies hacked into and stole e-mails from the (4) _____ of Ms Clinton's party and released them on the Wikileaks website. The officials said Russian President Vladimir Putin wanted to (5) _____ American voters into voting for President-elect Donald Trump. President Barack Obama (6) _____ to take action over the allegations and has (7) _____ 35 Russian diplomats from Washington. He has also shut down two Russian intelligence (8) _____ in the U.S.

process
expelled
looming
compounds
vowed
accusations
influence
servers

Russia has responded (9) _____ to the expulsions and has denied any involvement in the alleged hacking. It called the U.S. actions "ungrounded". It is likely there will be a tit-for-tat (10) _____ from Russia. Moscow has promised an "appropriate response" and "counter-measures". Any (11) _____, however, may be less (12) _____ due to the upcoming (13) _____ of Mr Trump as President. A Russian spokesman said: "These decisions were taken by President Obama, but Trump will become the head of (14) _____ in three weeks' time. Of course, this factor will certainly be taken into (15) _____ one way or another." Mr Trump seeks to put US-Russian relations on a better (16) _____ and has a good relationship with Mr Putin.

response
state
severe
account
angrily
footing
retaliation
inauguration

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) It has been brewing since the U.S. presidential election in November _____
 - a. a middle accusations
 - b. amid accusations
 - c. a mid accusation
 - d. aimed accusation
- 2) claimed that Russian intelligence agencies hacked into and stole e-mails _____
 - a. from the servers
 - b. from the serves
 - c. from the serve arts
 - d. from the surface
- 3) Putin wanted to influence American voters into voting for President- _____
 - a. erect Donald Trump
 - b. select Donald Trump
 - c. electric Donald Trump
 - d. elect Donald Trump
- 4) Obama vowed to take action over the allegations and has _____ diplomats
 - a. exhaled 35 Russian
 - b. expunged 35 Russian
 - c. extolled 35 Russian
 - d. expelled 35 Russian
- 5) He has also shut down two Russian intelligence _____ U.S.
 - a. con pounds in the
 - b. compounds in the
 - c. com bounds in the
 - d. combines in the
- 6) Russia has responded angrily to the expulsions and has denied _____
 - a. some involvement
 - b. any involvements
 - c. any involvement
 - d. all involvement
- 7) It is likely there will be a tit-for-tat _____ Russia
 - a. responses for
 - b. responses from
 - c. response for
 - d. response from
- 8) Any retaliation, however, may be less severe _____ inauguration
 - a. due too the incoming
 - b. dew to the upcoming
 - c. due to the upcoming
 - d. due to the incoming
- 9) but Trump will become the head of state in three _____
 - a. weeks' times
 - b. weeks' time
 - c. weeks' timed
 - d. weeks' timely
- 10) Mr Trump seeks to put US-Russian relations on _____
 - a. a better fasting
 - b. a better legging
 - c. a better footing
 - d. a better handing

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170101-hacking.html>

1. When did the latest crisis between the USA and Russia begin?
2. What website did hacked e-mails end up on?
3. Who did U.S. officials say Vladimir Putin wanted to influence?
4. How many Russian diplomats were expelled?
5. What did Barack Obama shut down?
6. How did Russia respond to the allegations?
7. What did Russia call the U.S. actions?
8. What might make retaliatory measures less severe?
9. Who will become a head of state in three weeks' time?
10. Where does Mr Trump want to put US-Russian relations?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170101-hacking.html>

- 1) When did the latest crisis between the USA and Russia begin?
 - a) 2012
 - b) November
 - c) 2011
 - d) September
- 2) What website did hacked e-mails end up on?
 - a) Wikiwiki
 - b) Wikimedia
 - c) Wikipedia
 - d) Wikileaks
- 3) Who did U.S. officials say Vladimir Putin wanted to influence?
 - a) U.S. voters
 - b) the Kremlin
 - c) intelligence workers
 - d) Barack Obama
- 4) How many Russian diplomats were expelled?
 - a) 33
 - b) 34
 - c) 35
 - d) 36
- 5) What did Barack Obama shut down?
 - a) the Russian embassy
 - b) two Russian intelligence compounds
 - c) a website
 - d) an e-mail server
- 6) How did Russia respond to the allegations?
 - a) angrily
 - b) cautiously
 - c) quickly
 - d) nonchalantly
- 7) What did Russia call the U.S. actions?
 - a) untiled
 - b) uneven
 - c) ungrounded
 - d) unearthed
- 8) What might make retaliatory measures less severe?
 - a) Donald Trump as president
 - b) money
 - c) apologies
 - d) talks
- 9) Who will become a head of state in three weeks' time?
 - a) Donald Trump
 - b) Barack Obama
 - c) Vladimir Putin
 - d) the Russian ambassador
- 10) Where does Mr Trump want to put US-Russian relations?
 - a) in the Pacific Ocean
 - b) top of the list
 - c) on the back-burner
 - d) on a better footing

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Same Language

You think sharing the same language is best to help good relations between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): trade, leaders being friends or being neighbours.

Role B – Trade

You think trade is best to help good relations between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): same language, leaders being friends or being neighbours.

Role C – Leaders Are Friends

You think leaders being friends is best to help good relations between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): trade, same language or being neighbours.

Role D – Being Neighbours

You think being neighbours is best to help good relations between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): trade, leaders being friends or same language.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170101-hacking.html>

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

counter	measure
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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">• crisis• since• stole• voters• 35• two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• angrily• likely• counter• due• head• footing
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HACKING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about hacking 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.

HACKING DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'hacking'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. Why is the USA angry?
5. Why is Russia angry?
6. How important is it for the USA and Russia to have good relations?
7. What do you believe?
8. How dangerous is spying and hacking?
9. How serious is the expulsion of 35 Russian diplomats?
10. Why does Russia have intelligence compounds in the USA?

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HACKING DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. Why do countries spy on each other?
13. What do you know about countries hacking each other?
14. How far could the tit-for-tat go?
15. What advice do you have for Barack Obama?
16. What advice do you have for Vladimir Putin?
17. What counter-measures might Russia take?
18. What will relations be like in a year's time?
19. What will US-Russian relations be like under President Trump?
20. What questions would you like to ask presidents Obama and 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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) gloomy | (b) looming | (c) blooming | (d) roomy |
| 2. | (a) middling | (b) amid | (c) mid | (d) middle |
| 3. | (a) survives | (b) serves | (c) service | (d) servers |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) into | (c) as | (d) onto |
| 5. | (a) wowed | (b) cowed | (c) bowed | (d) vowed |
| 6. | (a) confounds | (b) commands | (c) compounds | (d) complains |
| 7. | (a) angrily | (b) anger | (c) angered | (d) angers |
| 8. | (a) liked | (b) likelihood | (c) likely | (d) liking |
| 9. | (a) down | (b) fewer | (c) few | (d) less |
| 10. | (a) taken | (b) dealt | (c) talked | (d) had |
| 11. | (a) head | (b) face | (c) skull | (d) brain |
| 12. | (a) footing | (b) handing | (c) legging | (d) eyeing |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. amid cscaaousnti by Hillary Clinton's team
2. interference in the crtlaleeo process
3. Russian intelligence eiagcsen
4. wanted to einelnfcu American voters
5. expelled 35 Russian mpatdoisl
6. shut down two Russian intelligence posdcounm

Paragraph 2

7. Russia has eorddnspe angrily
8. ieeddn any involvement
9. Moscow has promised an "appropriate epsonesr"
10. may be less everes
11. be taken into aoctcun one way or another
12. put US-Russian relations on a better oingtfo

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () over the allegations and has expelled 35 Russian diplomats from Washington. He has also shut
- () them on the Wikileaks website. The officials said Russian President Vladimir Putin wanted to
- () November amid accusations by Hillary Clinton's team of Russian interference in the electoral process. U.S. officials
- () down two Russian intelligence compounds in the U.S.
- () or another." Mr Trump seeks to put US-Russian relations on a better footing and has a good relationship with Mr Putin.
- () become the head of state in three weeks' time. Of course, this factor will certainly be taken into account one way
- () influence American voters into voting for President-elect Donald Trump. President Barack Obama vowed to take action
- () Russia has responded angrily to the expulsions and has denied any involvement in the alleged
- (**1**) A new crisis is looming between the USA and Russia. It has been brewing since the U.S. presidential election in
- () response from Russia. Moscow has promised an "appropriate response" and "counter-
- () claimed that Russian intelligence agencies hacked into and stole e-mails from the servers of Ms Clinton's party and released
- () measures". Any retaliation, however, may be less severe due to the upcoming inauguration of Mr Trump
- () as President. A Russian spokesman said: "These decisions were taken by President Obama, but Trump will
- () hacking. It called the U.S. actions "ungrounded". It is likely there will be a tit-for-tat

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. and new looming USA is the Russia crisis A between .
2. U.S. the since brewing been has It election presidential .
3. stole mails servers and - the into e from Hacked .
4. allegations take Barack action Obama over vowed the to .
5. He two has Russian also intelligence shut compounds down .
6. to expulsions has angrily the Russia responded .
7. It is for- likely there tat will response be from a Russia tit- .
8. Any may retaliation be , less however severe , .
9. the head of state in three weeks' time Trump will become .
10. Russian US- put to seeks Trump footing better a on relations .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170101-hacking.html>

A new *crisis / crises* is looming between the USA and Russia. It has been *brewing / baking* since the U.S. presidential election in November amid *accusation / accusations* by Hillary Clinton's team of Russian interference *in / on* the electoral process. U.S. officials claimed that Russian intelligence agencies hacked into and *stole / stolen* e-mails from the servers of Ms Clinton's party and released *those / them* on the Wikileaks website. The officials said Russian President Vladimir Putin wanted *by / to* influence American voters *onto / into* voting for President-elect Donald Trump. President Barack Obama vowed to take action *over / under* the allegations and has *expelled / exhaled* 35 Russian diplomats from Washington. He has also shut down two Russian intelligence compounds in the U.S.

Russia has responded *angry / angrily* to the expulsions and has denied *some / any* involvement in the *alleged / allegation* hacking. It called the U.S. actions "ungrounded". It is *likelihood / likely* there will be a tit-for-tat response from Russia. Moscow has *promised / promise* an "appropriate response" and "counter-measures". Any retaliation, however, may be less *severe / severely* due to the upcoming inauguration of Mr Trump as President. A Russian spokesman said: "These decisions were *taking / taken* by President Obama, but Trump will become the head *for / of* state in three weeks' time. Of course, this factor will *certainly / certain* be taken into account one way or another." Mr Trump seeks to put US-Russian relations on a better *footing / handing* and has a good relationship with Mr Putin.

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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_ n_w cr_s_s _s l__m_ng b_tw__n th_ _S_ _nd R_ss__.
_t h_s b__n br_w_ng s_nc_ th_ _S. pr_s_d_nt_l
_l_ct__n _n N_v_mb_r _m_d _cc_s_t__ns by H_ll_ry
Cl_int_n's t__m _f R_ss__n _nt_rf_r_nc_ _n th_
_l_ct_r_l pr_c_ss. _S. _ff_c__ls cl__m_d th_t R_ss__n
_nt_ll_g_nc_ _g_nc__s h_ck_d _nt_ _nd st_l_ _-m__ls
fr_m th_ s_rv_rs _f Ms Cl_int_n's p_rty _nd r_l__s_d
th_m _n th_ W_k_l__ks w_bs_t_. Th_ _ff_c__ls s__d
R_ss__n Pr_s_d_nt Vl_d_m_r P_t_n w_nt_d t_
_nfl__nc_ _m_r_c_n v_t_rs _nt_ v_t_ng f_r Pr_s_d_nt-
_l_ct D_n_ld Tr_m_p. Pr_s_d_nt B_r_ck _b_m_ v_w_d t_
t_k_ _ct__n _v_r th_ _ll_g_t__ns _nd h_s _xp_ll_d 35
R_ss__n d_pl_m_ts fr_m W_sh_ngt_n. H_h_s _ls_ sh_t
d_wn tw_ R_ss__n _nt_ll_g_nc_ c_mp__nds _n th_ _S.
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h_s d_n__d _ny _nv_lv_m_nt _n th_ _ll_g_d h_ck_ng.
_t c_ll_d th_ _S. _ct__ns "_ngr__nd_d". _t_s l_k_ly
th_r_ w_ll b_ _t_t-f_r-t_t r_sp_ns_ fr_m R_ss__.
M_sc_w h_s pr_m_s_d_n "_ppr_pr__t_r_sp_ns_" _nd
"c__nt_r-m__s_r_s". _ny r_t_l__t__n, h_w_v_r, m_y b_
l_ss s_v_r_d__t_ th_ _pc_m_ng _n_g_r_t__n _f Mr
Tr_m_p _s Pr_s_d_nt. _ R_ss__n sp_k_sm_n s__d:
"Th_s_d_c_s__ns w_r_t_k_n by Pr_s_d_nt _b_m_, b_t
Tr_m_p w_ll b_c_m_ th_ h__d _f st_t__n thr__w__ks'
t_m_. _f c__rs_, th_s f_ct_r w_ll c_rt__nly b_t_k_n
nt _cc__nt_n_w_y _r_n_th_r." Mr Tr_m_p s__ks t_
p_t _S-R_ss__n r_l_t__ns _n _b_tt_r f__t_ng _nd h_s
_g__d r_l_t__nsh_p w_th Mr P_t_n.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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russia has responded angrily to the expulsions and has denied any involvement in the alleged hacking it called the us actions "ungrounded" it is likely there will be a tit-for-tat response from russia moscow has promised an "appropriate response" and "counter-measures" any retaliation however may be less severe due to the upcoming inauguration of mr trump as president a russian spokesman said "these decisions were taken by president obama but trump will become the head of state in three weeks' time of course this factor will certainly be taken into account one way or another" mr trump seeks to put us-russian relations on a better footing and has a good relationship with mr putin

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

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

4. RUSSIA-US RELATIONS: Write a magazine article about Russia-US relations being the most important in the world. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with those who do not.

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 hacking. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on what we can do to stop this problem. 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 T c F d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. crisis | a. critical period |
| 2. accusations | b. charges |
| 3. interference | c. meddling |
| 4. influence | d. affect |
| 5. expelled | e. thrown out |
| 6. denied | f. repudiated |
| 7. alleged | g. supposed |
| 8. retaliation | h. revenge |
| 9. certainly | i. unquestionably |
| 10. footing | j. basis |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. During the U.S. presidential election in November
2. Wikileaks
3. US voters
4. 35
5. Two Russian intelligence compounds
6. Angrily
7. Ungrounded
8. Donald Trump being president
9. Donald Trump
10. On a better footing

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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