

USA ends 'patience' with North Korea

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The Vice President of the USA, Mike Pence, said on Monday that US-North Korea relations have changed. Mr Pence said the "era of strategic patience is over". Pence said that the USA has shown great patience with North Korea for many years. It has tried talking to North Korea to get it to end its nuclear weapons testing. However, new U.S. President Donald Trump promised he would not allow North Korea to develop nuclear weapons. Pence said: "Since 1992, the United States and our allies have stood together for a denuclearized Korean Peninsula. We hope to achieve this objective through peaceable means. But all options are on the table." One of these options is to attack North Korea's missile bases.

Mr Pence's warning to North Korea to not test the USA came the day after North Korea tested another missile. Pence said North Korea's missile testing is a danger to the USA. He said North Korea would soon have missiles that can reach America. North Korea's Vice Foreign Minister Han Song-ryol told the BBC that his country would continue to test missiles. He said: "We'll be conducting more missile tests on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis." He added that an "all-out war" would happen if the US took military action against North Korea. North Korea's ambassador to the UN, Kim In-ryong, said the US was "disturbing global peace and stability". He said the USA was using "gangster-like logic" in its foreign policy.

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Writing

How dangerous is the situation between the USA and North Korea? How can it end peacefully?

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

relations / strategic / patience / nuclear weapons / testing / options / table / missile / warning / danger / yearly / military action / ambassador / global peace / gangster

True / False

- The US President said on Monday relations with N. Korea have changed. T / F
- The US Vice-President said the US has been patient for many years. T / F
- The US has worked for a denuclearized Korean Peninsula since 1882. T / F
- The US said it has put missiles on a table. T / F
- North Korea tested a missile the day before Mike Pence's warning. T / F
- North Korea has missiles that can reach the USA. T / F
- North Korea said it will be carrying out missile tests every week. T / F
- North Korea compared the USA to a gangster. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. era | a. caution |
| 2. over | b. aim |
| 3. allow | c. upsetting |
| 4. objective | d. choices |
| 5. options | e. get to |
| 6. warning | f. carrying out |
| 7. reach | g. age |
| 8. conducting | h. finished |
| 9. disturbing | i. reasoning |
| 10. logic | j. let |

Discussion – Student A

- How worried are you about US-North Korea relations?
- What do you know about North Korea?
- Why is the USA telling North Korea what to do?
- What does "the era of strategic patience" mean?
- Why can't North Korea have nuclear weapons if the USA has them?
- Why don't all countries stop making nuclear weapons?
- What options might be on the table?
- What advice do you have for the USA?

Phrase Match

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| 1. US-North Korea | a. another missile |
| 2. the USA has shown great patience | b. and yearly basis |
| 3. the United States and our allies have | c. on the table |
| 4. We hope to achieve this objective through | d. with North Korea |
| 5. all options are | e. danger to the USA |
| 6. the day after North Korea tested | f. stood together |
| 7. North Korea's missile testing is a | g. to test missiles |
| 8. his country would continue | h. peaceable means |
| 9. on a weekly, monthly | i. action |
| 10. if the US took military | j. relations have changed |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about the history of North Korea?
- How dangerous to the world would "all-out war" be?
- What advice do you have for North Korea?
- What would happen if the USA attacked North Korea?
- Is the USA disturbing global peace?
- What is "gangster-like" foreign policy?
- What questions would you like to ask Mike Pence?

Spelling

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- the USA has shown great piatncee with North Korea
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- disturbing boglla peace
- gnofeir policy

Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. h	3. j	4. b	5. d
6. a	7. e	8. f	9. c	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Same Language

You think having the same language is best for 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, intercultural exchange or patience.

Role B – Trade

You think trade is best for 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): the same language, intercultural exchange or patience.

Role C – Intercultural Exchanges

You think intercultural exchange is best for 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, the same language or patience.

Role D – Patience

You think patience is best for 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, intercultural exchange or the same language.

Speaking – Relations

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things for good relations between countries at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • intercultural exchanges | • same language |
| • regular talks | • same religion |
| • regular sports events | • lots of trade |
| • patience | • ambassadors |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.