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China and Russia lead race to make hypersonic missiles

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

The U.S. military is worried about China and Russia developing hypersonic missiles. These are missiles that can travel between five and twenty times the speed of sound. Both Russia and China are developing the missile a lot faster than the United States. A senior U.S. military official said this could be a security problem for the USA. General John Hyten warned that the USA has no defense that could stop the use of such weapons against it. He said the USA needed small nuclear weapons to stop Russia attacking the USA. President Donald Trump said he has "plans to get together in the not-too-distant future" with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss the arms race.

Russia says it successfully tested a hypersonic missile earlier this month. China tested its missiles last year and will soon have the weapons ready for use. President Putin explained that Russia needs the weapons because of actions other countries have taken against it. He said "unlawful sanctions" by the USA and European countries have hurt Russia's development. He added: "You have failed to contain Russia." Mr Putin says the missiles will be able to fly anywhere in the world and will "strike like a fireball". Tensions increased this week after the USA and many European countries expelled Russian diplomats after the reported poisoning of a Russian spy in England.

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WARM-UPS

1. MISSILES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about missiles. 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?

military / missiles / the speed of sound / faster / defense / weapons / plans / arms / successfully / actions / sanctions / development / fireball / tensions / poisoning / spy

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

3. PEACEKEEPER: Students A **strongly** believe the USA is a bigger peacekeeper than Russia; Students B **strongly** believe Russia is the bigger peacekeeper. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WORLD COUNTRIES: Do these countries make the world more or less dangerous? Why do you think so? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	More dangerous	Less dangerous
USA		
Russia		
China		
Saudi Arabia		
Japan		
United Kingdom		

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

6. TALKS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things Presidents Putin and Trump need to talk about at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the arms race
- space travel
- the world economy
- Syria
- the war on terror
- climate change
- the Russia World Cup
- being President

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1. military | a. Resources or things to protect a country. |
| 2. developing | b. Holding a high and authoritative position. |
| 3. senior | c. Making; starting to make something new. |
| 4. official | d. A contest between countries to develop missiles, bombs, etc. more quickly. |
| 5. defense | e. Anything about soldiers, armies, etc. |
| 6. not-too-distant future | f. A person holding public office or having official duties, especially as a representative of an organization or government department. |
| 7. arms race | g. Soon. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. weapons | h. Against the law or against the rules. |
| 9. unlawful | i. Hit hard. |
| 10. sanctions | j. A person who secretly collects and reports information on the activities, movements, and plans of an enemy country or competitor company. |
| 11. contain | k. Actions (e.g. no trade, bans from sports events, etc.) taken by a country or countries against another country to make it follow rules. |
| 12. strike | l. Giving someone food, liquid or an injection that contains something bad, which damages their body or kills them. |
| 13. poisoning | m. Control. |
| 14. spy | n. A thing designed or used to damage people, buildings, cities or countries. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

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

- a. The article said China is worried about Russia's hypersonic missiles. **T / F**
- b. The missiles can travel up to 20 times the speed of sound. **T / F**
- c. A U.S. General said the USA can defend itself against the missiles. **T / F**
- d. Presidents Putin and Trump will meet soon to discuss the arms race. **T / F**
- e. China tested hypersonic missiles in 2017. **T / F**
- f. President Putin said sanctions against Russia were illegal. **T / F**
- g. Hypersonic missiles cannot fly anywhere in the world. **T / F**
- h. Russia said it poisoned a British spy in England. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. worried | a. operation |
| 2. faster | b. weapons |
| 3. needed | c. hit |
| 4. discuss | d. required |
| 5. arms | e. concerned |
| 6. tested | f. threw out |
| 7. use | g. trialed |
| 8. unlawful | h. talk about |
| 9. strike | i. illegal |
| 10. expelled | j. quicker |

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

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. twenty times the speed | a. the use of such weapons |
| 2. this could be a security | b. race |
| 3. the USA has no defense that could stop | c. fireball |
| 4. plans to get together in the not- | d. of sound |
| 5. discuss the arms | e. of a Russian spy |
| 6. unlawful | f. Russian diplomats |
| 7. hurt Russia's | g. sanctions |
| 8. strike like a | h. too-distant future |
| 9. European countries expelled | i. development |
| 10. the reported poisoning | j. problem for the USA |

GAP FILL

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The U.S. (1) _____ is worried about China and Russia developing hypersonic missiles. These are missiles that can travel between five and twenty times the (2) _____ of sound. Both Russia and China are (3) _____ the missile a lot faster than the United States. A senior U.S. military official said this could be a (4) _____ problem for the USA. General John Hyten warned that the USA has no defense that could stop the use of (5) _____ weapons against it. He said the USA needed small nuclear weapons to (6) _____ Russia attacking the USA. President Donald Trump said he has "plans to get together in the not-too-(7) _____ future" with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss the (8) _____ race.

security

speed

arms

such

developing

distant

military

stop

Russia says it successfully tested a hypersonic missile (9) _____ this month. China tested its missiles last year and will soon have the weapons (10) _____ for use. President Putin explained that Russia needs the weapons because of actions (11) _____ countries have taken against it. He said "unlawful (12) _____ " by the USA and European countries have hurt Russia's development. He added: "You have failed to (13) _____ Russia." Mr Putin says the missiles will be able to fly anywhere in the world and will "(14) _____ like a fireball". Tensions increased this week after the USA and many European countries (15) _____ Russian diplomats after the reported poisoning of a Russian (16) _____ in England.

other

earlier

contain

spy

ready

expelled

sanctions

strike

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

- 1) These are missiles that can travel between five and twenty times the _____
 - a. speedy of sound
 - b. speed as sound
 - c. speed of sound
 - d. speeds of sounds
- 2) A senior U.S. military official said this could be a security _____ USA
 - a. problem for them
 - b. problem for then
 - c. problem for the
 - d. problem for these
- 3) warned that the USA has no defense that could stop the _____ weapons against it
 - a. uses off such
 - b. use of such
 - c. used of such
 - d. use off such
- 4) he has "plans to get together in the not-_____ "
 - a. too-distance future
 - b. too-distant future
 - c. too-distantly future
 - d. too-distains future
- 5) with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss _____
 - a. the arms race
 - b. the legs race
 - c. the feet race
 - d. the hands race
- 6) Russia says it successfully tested a hypersonic missile _____
 - a. early a this month
 - b. early that month
 - c. earlier these months
 - d. earlier this month
- 7) China tested its missiles last year and will soon have the weapons _____
 - a. readied for use
 - b. ready for use
 - c. readies for use
 - d. readily for use
- 8) He said "unlawful sanctions" by the USA and European _____
 - a. countries have hurt
 - b. countries has hurting
 - c. countries have hurts
 - d. countries has hurt
- 9) missiles will be able to fly anywhere in the world and will " _____ fireball"
 - a. strike likes a
 - b. strike liked a
 - c. strike like a
 - d. strike like the
- 10) expelled Russian diplomats after the reported poisoning of a Russian _____
 - a. spied in England
 - b. spy in England
 - c. spry in England
 - d. pie in England

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

The U.S. (1) _____ about China and Russia developing hypersonic missiles. These are missiles that can travel between five and twenty times the (2) _____. Both Russia and China are developing the missile a lot faster than the United States. A senior U.S. (3) _____ this could be a security problem for the USA. General John Hyten warned that the USA has no defense that could stop the (4) _____ weapons against it. He said the USA needed small nuclear weapons to stop Russia attacking the USA. President Donald Trump said he has "plans to get together in the not- (5) _____" with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss (6) _____.

Russia says it successfully tested a hypersonic missile (7) _____. China tested its missiles last year and will soon have the weapons (8) _____. President Putin explained that Russia needs the weapons because of actions other countries have taken against it. He said (9) _____ the USA and European countries have hurt Russia's development. He added: "You have failed to contain Russia." Mr Putin says the missiles will be able (10) _____ in the world and will "strike like a fireball". (11) _____ week after the USA and many European countries expelled Russian diplomats after the (12) _____ a Russian spy in England.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

1. What can hypersonic missiles travel 20 times faster than?
2. What rank in the military does John Hyten hold?
3. What did John Hyten say the US needed?
4. When will presidents Trump and Putin meet?
5. What will presidents Trump and Putin discuss?
6. When did China successfully test its hypersonic missiles?
7. What did President Putin say was unlawful?
8. What did President Putin say America had failed to contain?
9. What did President Putin say the missiles could strike like?
10. Who did the US and European countries expel?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

- 1) What can hypersonic missiles travel 20 times faster than?
 - a) a bullet train
 - b) the speed of light
 - c) the speed of sound
 - d) a nuclear missile
- 2) What rank in the military does John Hyten hold?
 - a) General
 - b) Captain
 - c) Lieutenant
 - d) Major
- 3) What did John Hyten say the US needed?
 - a) a missile shield
 - b) peace
 - c) friends
 - d) nuclear missiles
- 4) When will presidents Trump and Putin meet?
 - a) July
 - b) in the not-too-distant future
 - c) next weekend
 - d) when and if they can
- 5) What will presidents Trump and Putin discuss?
 - a) the 2016 US election
 - b) Syria
 - c) the arms race
 - d) the soccer World Cup
- 6) When did China successfully test its hypersonic missiles?
 - a) last week
 - b) last year
 - c) in 2016
 - d) it hasn't done so yet
- 7) What did President Putin say was unlawful?
 - a) an election
 - b) nuclear missiles
 - c) the USA
 - d) sanctions
- 8) What did President Putin say America had failed to contain?
 - a) missiles
 - b) Russia
 - c) Hillary Clinton
 - d) inflation
- 9) What did President Putin say the missiles could strike like?
 - a) a fireball
 - b) a dragon
 - c) an asteroid
 - d) a million punches
- 10) Who did the US and European countries expel?
 - a) a chess player
 - b) a spy
 - c) an inventor
 - d) Russian diplomats

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The Arms Race

You think the arms race should be top of the list of things Presidents Trump and Putin should talk about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Syria, space travel or the world economy.

Role B – Syria

You think Syria should be top of the list of things Presidents Trump and Putin should talk about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the arms race, space travel or the world economy.

Role C – Space Travel

You think space travel should be top of the list of things Presidents Trump and Putin should talk about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Syria, the arms race or the world economy.

Role D – The World Economy

You think the world economy should be top of the list of things Presidents Trump and Putin should talk about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Syria, space travel or the arms race.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

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

weapon	missile
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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">• worried• between• lot• stop• small• race	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• earlier• soon• taken• hurt• strike• spy
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MISSILES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about missiles 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.

MISSILES DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'missile'?
3. What do you know about hypersonic missiles?
4. Why is the USA worried about Russia having hypersonic missiles?
5. Which country is more dangerous - the USA, China or Russia?
6. Which president do you like better - Putin or Trump?
7. What are the chances of a war between the USA and Russia?
8. Why are there sanctions against Russia?
9. What are the problems between the USA and Russia?
10. What will Presidents Trump and Putin discuss?

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MISSILES DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'weapon'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How dangerous might hypersonic missiles be?
15. Why is Russia faster than the USA in developing the missiles?
16. Why are US-Russian relations so difficult?
17. What do you know about the poisoning incident?
18. How dangerous is an arms race?
19. How can we stop an arms race from happening?
20. What questions would you like to ask the U.S. military?

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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Russia says it successfully tested a hypersonic missile (7) _____ this month. China tested its missiles last year and will (8) _____ have the weapons ready for use. President Putin explained that Russia needs the weapons because of actions (9) _____ countries have taken against it. He said "unlawful sanctions" by the USA and European countries have hurt Russia's development. He added: "You have failed to (10) _____ Russia." Mr Putin says the missiles will be able to fly anywhere in the world and will "strike like a (11) _____". Tensions increased this week after the USA and many European countries expelled Russian diplomats after the reported (12) _____ of a Russian spy in England.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) worried | (b) worries | (c) worry | (d) worrier |
| 2. | (a) sped | (b) speedy | (c) speed | (d) speediness |
| 3. | (a) the | (b) whole | (c) a | (d) much |
| 4. | (a) thus | (b) which | (c) what | (d) that |
| 5. | (a) to | (b) true | (c) too | (d) through |
| 6. | (a) legs | (b) arms | (c) feet | (d) running |
| 7. | (a) earl | (b) earlier | (c) earlies | (d) earliest |
| 8. | (a) then | (b) soon | (c) after | (d) so |
| 9. | (a) another | (b) others | (c) other | (d) the others |
| 10. | (a) contest | (b) consent | (c) content | (d) contain |
| 11. | (a) eight-ball | (b) highball | (c) football | (d) fireball |
| 12. | (a) poison | (b) poisoner | (c) poisoned | (d) poisoning |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The U.S. ytimliar is worried
2. twenty times the speed of undos
3. this could be a tuiyscre problem
4. stop the use of such naewpso
5. in the not-too-ntdtisa future
6. sdcsius the arms race

Paragraph 2

7. it ueefcsllssyc tested a hypersonic missile
8. taken snaagti it
9. unlawful connissat
10. iketrs like a fireball
11. countries expelled Russian dpilamtos
12. oipsgnion of a Russian spy

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () countries have hurt Russia's development. He added: "You have failed to contain Russia." Mr Putin
- () says the missiles will be able to fly anywhere in the world and will "strike like a
- () fireball". Tensions increased this week after the USA and many European countries
- () the USA. President Donald Trump said he has "plans to get together in the not-too-
- () than the United States. A senior U.S. military official said this could be a security
- () Russia says it successfully tested a hypersonic missile earlier this month. China tested its missiles last
- () weapons against it. He said the USA needed small nuclear weapons to stop Russia attacking
- () distant future" with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss the arms race.
- () problem for the USA. General John Hyten warned that the USA has no defense that could stop the use of such
- () year and will soon have the weapons ready for use. President Putin explained that Russia needs the weapons because
- () expelled Russian diplomats after the reported poisoning of a Russian spy in England.
- () of actions other countries have taken against it. He said "unlawful sanctions" by the USA and European
- () between five and twenty times the speed of sound. Both Russia and China are developing the missile a lot faster
- (**1**) The U.S. military is worried about China and Russia developing hypersonic missiles. These are missiles that can travel

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

1. of sound . Travel the twenty times speed at
2. US . faster the the than missile Developing much
3. military security said a is The this problem .
4. use of such against it . weapons Stop the
5. get future . in near together Plans to the
6. a says missile . tested successfully Russia it hypersonic
7. taken against countries Actions other have it .
8. hurt Russia's development . countries have European
9. missiles fly will able be anywhere . The to
10. poisoning England . in of a The spy Russian

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

The U.S. *military / militarily* is worried about China and Russia developing hypersonic missiles. These are missiles that can travel *among / between* five and twenty times the *speed / speedy* of sound. Both Russia and China are *developing / development* the missile a lot faster than the United States. A *seniority / senior* U.S. military official said this could be a security problem for the USA. General John Hyten warned *what / that* the USA has no defense that could stop the use of *such / much* weapons against it. He said the USA needed small nuclear weapons *for / to* stop Russia attacking the USA. President Donald Trump said he has "plans to get together in the *not-too-distant / not-to-distant* future" with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss the *arms / legs* race.

Russia says it *successfully / success* tested a hypersonic missile earlier this month. China tested its missiles *first / last* year and will soon have the weapons *readily / ready* for use. President Putin explained that Russia needs the weapons *because / due to* of actions other countries have taken *for / against* it. He said "unlawful sanctions" by the USA and European countries have hurt Russia's development. He added: "You have *failure / failed* to contain Russia." Mr Putin says the missiles will be *able / ability* to fly anywhere in the world and will "*strike / struck* like a fireball". Tensions increased this week after the USA and many European countries *excelled / expelled* Russian diplomats after the reported *poisoning / poison* of a Russian spy in England.

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles.html>

the us military is worried about china and russia developing hypersonic missiles these are missiles that can travel between five and twenty times the speed of sound both russia and china are developing the missile a lot faster than the united states a senior us military official said this could be a security problem for the usa general john hyten warned that the usa has no defense that could stop the use of such weapons against it he said the usa needed small nuclear weapons to stop russia attacking the usa president donald trump said he has plans to get together in the nottoo distant future with russian president vladimir putin to discuss the arms race

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

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

4. ARMS RACE: Write a magazine article about countries needing powerful and fast missiles to stop other countries attacking them. Include imaginary interviews with people who agree and disagree with this.

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 hypersonic missiles. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can stop another arms race. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. n 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. worried | a. concerned |
| 2. faster | b. quicker |
| 3. needed | c. required |
| 4. discuss | d. talk about |
| 5. arms | e. weapons |
| 6. tested | f. trialed |
| 7. use | g. operation |
| 8. unlawful | h. illegal |
| 9. strike | i. hit |
| 10. expelled | j. threw out |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The speed of sound
2. General
3. Nuclear weapons
4. In the not-too-distant future
5. The arms race
6. Last year
7. Sanctions
8. Russia
9. A fireball
10. Russian diplomats

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Travel at twenty times the speed of sound.
2. Developing the missile much faster than the US.
3. The military said this is a security problem.
4. Stop the use of such weapons against it.
5. Plans to get together in the near future.
6. Russia says it successfully tested a hypersonic missile.
7. Actions other countries have taken against it.
8. European countries have hurt Russia's development.
9. The missiles will be able to fly anywhere.
10. The poisoning of a Russian spy in England.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 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 ;-)