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Kashmir crisis halts flights to Pakistan

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THE ARTICLE

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Pakistan closed its airspace on Wednesday because of the tensions. Several international airlines have suspended flights to Pakistan and to some parts of India. Airlines that fly over India and Pakistan to Europe, the Middle East, and Asia had to re-route flights to avoid the region. Aviation expert Mark Martin said about 800 flights a day use the India-Pakistan air corridor. He said it was "very critical" for airlines. He added: "You can't fly over China, so you have to fly over Pakistan and India and go to Southeast Asia and Australia. Most of the traffic destined for Bangkok and Singapore will have to fly over Iran and then possibly take a detour." Thousands of passengers were stranded by the crisis.

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WARM-UPS

1. KASHMIR: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Kashmir. 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?

tensions / nuclear / war / air raids / warplanes / territory / terrorist / peace talks / airspace / international / flights / region / traffic / Singapore / passengers / crisis

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

3. FRIENDS: Students A **strongly** believe Pakistan and India will be best of friends one day; Students B **strongly** believe they won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WORRIED: What worries you about these areas of the world? What should happen for you to worry less? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Worries	How to reduce those worries
Pakistan-India		
Korean Peninsular		
Crimea		
Syria		
Venezuela		
Your country		

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

6. TENSIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that most increase your tension at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- money
- global warming
- your weight
- neighbors
- your looks
- job
- your English
- sport

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. tension | a. Taken and held by the enemy or by someone who wants to take your freedom. |
| 2. armed | b. Killing yourself; taking your own life. |
| 3. military | c. Very bad or dangerous relations between people or countries. |
| 4. captured | d. About the army, navy of air force. |
| 5. territory | e. Having a gun, knife, nuclear weapon, missile, etc. |
| 6. at least | f. An area of land controlled by a country or army. |
| 7. suicide | g. Not less than. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 8. airspace | h. Stopping something from working for a short time. |
| 9. suspended | i. Keep away from someone or something. |
| 10. avoid | j. Very, very, very, very important. |
| 11. region | k. The area in the sky above a country that airplanes can fly in. |
| 12. expert | l. A different way of getting from A to B because the normal way is closed. |
| 13. critical | m. Someone who knows everything about a subject. |
| 14. detour | n. An area. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis.html>

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

- a. People aren't so concerned about war between India and Pakistan. **T / F**
- b. Pakistan shot down three Indian military jets. **T / F**
- c. A suicide car bomb killed 40 or more Indian police officers. **T / F**
- d. The last time India bombed Pakistan was in 1949. **T / F**
- e. Pakistan opened its airspace on Wednesday. **T / F**
- f. Airlines that have to fly over Pakistan to Asia have been re-routed. **T / F**
- g. The India-Pakistan air corridor sees around 800 flights a day. **T / F**
- h. The crisis has stranded thousands of passengers. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. growing | a. shut |
| 2. worried | b. connected |
| 3. territory | c. specialist |
| 4. linked | d. concerned |
| 5. talks | e. helpless |
| 6. closed | f. increasing |
| 7. avoid | g. land |
| 8. expert | h. diversion |
| 9. detour | i. discussions |
| 10. stranded | j. stay away from |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Tensions are growing | a. airspace on Wednesday |
| 2. the two nuclear- | b. detour |
| 3. Pakistan carried | c. car bombing |
| 4. linked to the suicide | d. India-Pakistan air corridor |
| 5. the first time Indian warplanes | e. armed countries |
| 6. Pakistan closed its | f. stranded by the crisis |
| 7. Aviation | g. have struck inside Pakistan |
| 8. 800 flights a day use the | h. between India and Pakistan |
| 9. possibly take a | i. expert |
| 10. Thousands of passengers were | j. out air raids |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis.html>

Tensions are (1) _____ between India and Pakistan. Many people are worried that the two nuclear-armed countries are heading for war. Pakistan carried out air (2) _____ and shot down two Indian military (3) _____ on Wednesday. They captured an Indian fighter pilot. He is now being held by Pakistan's Army. This happened a day after Indian warplanes dropped (4) _____ on Pakistani territory. India said it was bombing a terrorist (5) _____ linked to the suicide car bombing on February 14 that killed at (6) _____ 40 Indian police officers in Indian-controlled Kashmir. It is the first time Indian warplanes have (7) _____ inside Pakistan since a war in 1971. Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has called for peace (8) _____.

raids
base
jets
talks
growing
struck
bombs
least

Pakistan closed its (9) _____ on Wednesday because of the tensions. Several international airlines have suspended (10) _____ to Pakistan and to some (11) _____ of India. Airlines that fly over India and Pakistan to Europe, the Middle East, and Asia had to re-route flights to (12) _____ the region. Aviation (13) _____ Mark Martin said about 800 flights a day use the India-Pakistan air corridor. He said it was "very (14) _____ " for airlines. He added: "You can't fly over China, so you have to fly over Pakistan and India and go to Southeast Asia and Australia. Most of the (15) _____ destined for Bangkok and Singapore will have to fly over Iran and then possibly take a (16) _____." Thousands of passengers were stranded by the crisis.

avoid
critical
airspace
detour
parts
traffic
flights
expert

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis.html>

- 1) worried that the two nuclear-armed countries are _____
 - a. heading forewarn
 - b. heading forewarned
 - c. heading forewarns
 - d. heading for war
- 2) This happened a day after Indian warplanes dropped bombs on _____
 - a. Pakistani territorial
 - b. Pakistani territory
 - c. Pakistani terror tree
 - d. Pakistani tertiary
- 3) India said it was bombing a terrorist base linked to the _____
 - a. suicide car bombing
 - b. Suez-style car bombing
 - c. sue aside car bombing
 - d. Sue a sidecar bombing
- 4) It is the first time Indian warplanes have _____ Pakistan
 - a. stuck inside
 - b. strike inside
 - c. stricken inside
 - d. struck inside
- 5) Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has called _____
 - a. for peace talk
 - b. for peace talks
 - c. for peace talkies
 - d. for peace talking
- 6) Pakistan closed its airspace on Wednesday because of _____
 - a. they're tensions
 - b. a tensions
 - c. the tensions
 - d. them tensions
- 7) Pakistan to Europe, the Middle East, and Asia had to re-route flights to _____
 - a. evade the region
 - b. avoid the legion
 - c. evade the regional
 - d. avoid the region
- 8) use the India-Pakistan air corridor. He said it was " _____ " for airlines
 - a. very critically
 - b. very critter call
 - c. very critic all
 - d. very critical
- 9) destined for Bangkok and Singapore will have to fly over Iran and then possibly _____
 - a. take a detour
 - b. take a detox
 - c. take the detour
 - d. make the detox
- 10) Thousands of passengers were stranded _____
 - a. buy the cry sis
 - b. by the crisis
 - c. by a crisis
 - d. by the cry sis

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis.html>

1. What did the article say is growing between India and Pakistan?
2. How long after India dropped bombs on Pakistan was a pilot captured?
3. When did a suicide car bombing kill at least 40 Indian police officers?
4. When was the last time India dropped bombs inside Pakistan?
5. What did Imran Khan call for?
6. What did Pakistan close on Wednesday?
7. What have several international airlines done?
8. Who is Mark Martin?
9. Where might people going to Bangkok and Singapore have to fly over?
10. What happened to thousands of passengers?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis.html>

- 1) What did the article say is growing between India and Pakistan?
 - a) tensions
 - b) trade
 - c) a border
 - d) a tree
- 2) How long after India dropped bombs on Pakistan was a pilot captured?
 - a) an hour
 - b) a week
 - c) one day
 - d) instantly
- 3) When did a suicide car bombing kill at least 40 Indian police officers?
 - a) February 13
 - b) February 14
 - c) February 12
 - d) February 15
- 4) When was the last time India dropped bombs inside Pakistan?
 - a) 1969
 - b) 1972
 - c) 1970
 - d) 1971
- 5) What did Imran Khan call for?
 - a) peace talks
 - b) war
 - c) more time
 - d) order
- 6) What did Pakistan close on Wednesday?
 - a) its airports
 - b) shops
 - c) an embassy
 - d) its airspace
- 7) What have several international airlines done?
 - a) cancelled flights to Pakistan
 - b) suspended flights to Pakistan
 - c) hired jet fighters
 - d) grounded planes
- 8) Who is Mark Martin?
 - a) an expert on Pakistan
 - b) a passenger
 - c) a historian on India
 - d) an aviation expert
- 9) Where might people going to Bangkok and Singapore have to fly over?
 - a) Sri Lanka
 - b) China
 - c) Iran
 - d) Alaska
- 10) What happened to thousands of passengers?
 - a) they lost money
 - b) they were stranded
 - c) they were injured
 - d) they slept at an airport

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Money

You think money is the thing that causes people the most tension. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't cause as much tension. Also, tell the others which is the least tension-causing of these (and why): global warming, one's job or sport.

Role B – Global Warming

You think global warming is the thing that causes people the most tension. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't cause as much tension. Also, tell the others which is the least tension-causing of these (and why): money, one's job or sport.

Role C – Job

You think one's job is the thing that causes people the most tension. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't cause as much tension. Also, tell the others which is the least tension-causing of these (and why): global warming, money or sport.

Role D – Sport

You think sport is the thing that causes people the most tension. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't cause as much tension. Also, tell the others which is the least tension-causing of these (and why): global warming, one's job or money.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis.html>

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

India	Pakistan

- 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">• tensions• raids• held• base• 40• 1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• airspace• some• region• 800• traffic• thousands
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KASHMIR SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Kashmir 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.

KASHMIR 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 'nuclear'?
3. What do you know about Kashmir?
4. How worried are you by this crisis?
5. What do you know about relations between India and Pakistan?
6. Is it possible for war to break out between the two countries?
7. Should Pakistan return the Indian fighter pilot?
8. Was India right to bomb a terrorist base in Pakistan?
9. Would peace talks be effective?
10. What advice do you have for the leaders of India and Pakistan?

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KASHMIR 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 'crisis'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why has Pakistan closed its airspace?
15. How will this crisis affect air travel?
16. Which country would you prefer to travel to?
17. Will Pakistan and India ever be friends?
18. What would you do to end this crisis?
19. What would you do if you were stranded?
20. What questions would you like to ask Pakistan's Prime Minister?

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) growing | (b) growth | (c) grown | (d) grower |
| 2. | (a) backing | (b) legging | (c) heading | (d) footing |
| 3. | (a) raptured | (b) catapulted | (c) captured | (d) capped |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) on | (d) to |
| 5. | (a) as | (b) to | (c) at | (d) of |
| 6. | (a) whispered | (b) called | (c) voiced | (d) talked |
| 7. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) to | (d) as |
| 8. | (a) flies | (b) flights | (c) flying | (d) flown |
| 9. | (a) rate | (b) fear | (c) avoid | (d) travel |
| 10. | (a) alley | (b) hall | (c) lobby | (d) corridor |
| 11. | (a) on | (b) of | (c) by | (d) for |
| 12. | (a) catastrophe | (b) accident | (c) mishap | (d) crisis |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the two ralnuec-armed countries
2. two Indian atilyimr jets
3. They trcpdae an Indian fighter pilot
4. dropped bombs on Pakistani yirotertr
5. the ucsdiei car bombing
6. in Indian-rllnocted Kashmir

Paragraph 2

7. because of the sonntise
8. airlines have ssdeupden flights
9. re-route flights to vdaio the region
10. the India-Pakistan air rdrioorc
11. the traffic dieendst for Bangkok
12. Thousands of agersnpsse were stranded

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Pakistan closed its airspace on Wednesday because of the tensions. Several international airlines have suspended flights
- () a detour." Thousands of passengers were stranded by the crisis.
- () armed countries are heading for war. Pakistan carried out air raids and shot down two Indian military
- () officers in Indian-controlled Kashmir. It is the first time Indian warplanes have struck inside Pakistan since a war
- () flights a day use the India-Pakistan air corridor. He said it was "very critical" for airlines. He added: "You can't fly
- () in 1971. Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has called for peace talks.
- () day after Indian warplanes dropped bombs on Pakistani territory. India said it was bombing a terrorist
- () and Australia. Most of the traffic destined for Bangkok and Singapore will have to fly over Iran and then possibly take
- () base linked to the suicide car bombing on February 14 that killed at least 40 Indian police
- (**1**) Tensions are growing between India and Pakistan. Many people are worried that the two nuclear-
- () over China, so you have to fly over Pakistan and India and go to Southeast Asia
- () East, and Asia had to re-route flights to avoid the region. Aviation expert Mark Martin said about 800
- () jets on Wednesday. They captured an Indian fighter pilot. He is now being held by Pakistan's Army. This happened a
- () to Pakistan and to some parts of India. Airlines that fly over India and Pakistan to Europe, the Middle

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis.html>

1. on Indian military jets Wednesday . down two Shot
2. day A Indian bombs . after dropped warplanes
3. to A the suicide car-bombing . linked base terrorist
4. inside . time The warplanes Indian first struck have
5. Minister for called has Prime peace talks . Pakistan's
6. its tensions . because the of closed Pakistan airspace
7. international airlines to Pakistan . Several have suspended flights
8. for very it said He airlines . critical was
9. Iran and take possibly over detour . a Fly
10. crisis . stranded Thousands were of by the passengers

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis.html>

Tensions are *grown / growing* between India and Pakistan. Many people are worried that the two nuclear-armed countries are *facing / heading* for war. Pakistan carried *in / out* air raids and shot down two Indian military jets on Wednesday. They *captured / catapulted* an Indian fighter pilot. He is now *being / been* held by Pakistan's Army. This happened a day after Indian warplanes *dropped / fell* bombs on Pakistani territory. India said it was bombing a terrorist *base / bases* linked to the suicide car bombing on February 14 that killed *at / as* least 40 Indian police officers in Indian-controlled Kashmir. It is the first time Indian warplanes have *stuck / struck* inside Pakistan since a war in 1971. Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has called for peace *talks / talk*.

Pakistan closed its *airspace / space* on Wednesday because of the *tenses / tensions*. Several international airlines have *suspected / suspended* flights to Pakistan and to some *parts / partners* of India. Airlines that fly over India and Pakistan to Europe, the *Middle / Center* East, and Asia had to re-route flights to avoid the *reign / region*. Aviation expert Mark Martin said about 800 flights a day use the India-Pakistan air *corridor / lobby*. He said it was "very critical" for airlines. He added: "You can't fly over China, so you have to fly over Pakistan and India and go to Southeast Asia and Australia. Most of the traffic *destiny / destined* for Bangkok and Singapore will have to fly over Iran and then possibly take a *detour / detox*." Thousands of passengers were stranded *by / of* the crisis.

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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T_n s__ n s _r_ g r_w_n g b_t w__ n I n d__ _n d
P_k_s t_n . M_n y p__ p_l_ r_ w_r r__ d t_h t t_h_ t
w_ n_c l__ r -_r m_d c__ n t r__ s _r_ h__ d_n g f_r
w_r . P_k_s t_n c_r r__ d __ t __ r r__ d s _n d s
h_t d_w n t w_ I n d__ n m_l_t_r y j_t s _n W_d
n_s d_y . T_h y c_p t_r_d _n I n d__ n f_g h t_r
p_l_t . H__ s n_w b__ n g h_l d b_y P_k_s t_n 's
A_r m_y . T_h s h_p p_n d _ d_y _f t_r I n d__ n w_r
p_l_n_s d_r p_p_d b_m b_s _n P_k_s t_n_ t_r r_t_r y .
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l_n k_d t_ t_h_ s__ c_d_ c_r b_m b_n g _n F_b r__ r
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P_k_s t_n 's P_r_m_ M_n s_t_r I m_r_n K_h_n h_s
c_l l_d f_r p__ c_ t_l k_s .

P_k_s t_n c_l_s_d _t s __ r s p_c_ _n W_d n_s d_y
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190302-kashmir-crisis.html>

tensions are growing between india and pakistan many people are worried that the two nucleararmed countries are heading for war pakistan carried out air raids and shot down two indian military jets on wednesday they captured an indian fighter pilot he is now being held by pakistans army this happened a day after indian warplanes dropped bombs on pakistani territory india said it was bombing a terrorist base linked to the suicide car bombing on february 14 that killed at least 40 indian police officers in indiancontrolled kashmir it is the first time indian warplanes have struck inside pakistan since a war in 1971 pakistans prime minister imran khan has called for peace talks pakistan closed its airspace on wednesday because of the tensions several international airlines have suspended flights to pakistan and to some parts of india airlines that fly over india and pakistan to europe the middle east and asia had to reroute flights to avoid the region aviation expert mark martin said about 800 flights a day use the indiapakistan air corridor he said it was very critical for airlines he added you cant fly over china so you have to fly over pakistan and india and go to southeast asia and australia most of the traffic destined for bangkok and singapore will have to fly over iran and then possibly take a detour thousands of passengers were stranded by the crisis

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Tensions are growing between India and Pakistan. Many people are worried that the two nuclear-armed countries are heading for war. Pakistan carried out air raids and shot down two Indian military jets on Wednesday. They captured an Indian fighter pilot. He is now being held by Pakistan's Army. This happened a day after Indian warplanes dropped bombs on Pakistan territory. India said it was bombing a terrorist base linked to the suicide car bombing on February 14 that killed at least 40 Indian police officers in Indian-controlled Kashmir. It is the first time Indian warplanes have struck inside Pakistan since a war in 1971. Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has called for peace talks. Pakistan closed its airspace on Wednesday because of the tensions. Several international airlines have suspended flights to Pakistan and to some parts of India. Airlines that fly over India and Pakistan to Europe, the Middle East, and Asia had to re-route flights to avoid the region. Aviation expert Mark Martins said about 800 flights a day use the India-Pakistan air corridor. He said it was "very critical" for airlines. He added: "You can't fly over China, so you have to fly over Pakistan and India and go to Southeast Asia and Australia. Most of the traffic destined for Bangkok and Singapore will have to fly over Iran and then possibly take a detour." Thousands of passengers were stranded by the crisis.

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

4. DENUCLEARIZE: Write a magazine article about India and Pakistan having to denuclearize. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against 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 Kashmir. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to resolve this crisis. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. growing | a. increasing |
| 2. worried | b. concerned |
| 3. territory | c. land |
| 4. linked | d. connected |
| 5. talks | e. discussions |
| 6. closed | f. shut |
| 7. avoid | g. stay away from |
| 8. expert | h. specialist |
| 9. detour | i. diversion |
| 10. stranded | j. helpless |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Tensions
2. One day
3. February 14
4. 1971
5. Peace talks
6. Its airspace
7. Suspended flights to Pakistan
8. An aviation expert
9. Iran
10. They were stranded

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Shot down two Indian military jets on Wednesday.
2. A day after Indian warplanes dropped bombs.
3. A terrorist base linked to the suicide car-bombing.
4. The first time Indian warplanes have struck inside.
5. Pakistan's Prime Minister has called for peace talks.
6. Pakistan closed its airspace because of the tensions.
7. Several international airlines have suspended flights to Pakistan.
8. He said it was very critical for airlines.
9. Fly over Iran and possibly take a detour.
10. Thousands of passengers were stranded by the crisis.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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