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Level 0 – 29th November, 2019

China overtakes USA for most diplomatic posts

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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China has more embassies and consulates around the world than any other country. It has 276 diplomatic posts. The USA has 273. They have the same number of embassies. China has more consulates. China opened five new embassies in the past two years. The new embassies are on four continents.

The Global Diplomacy Index shows China is becoming stronger in the world. It wants to be a bigger part of the world economy. Its network of diplomatic posts can help China become stronger. China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, but USA diplomacy "has entered a period of limbo".

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/11/26/asia/us-china-diplomacy-lowy-intl-hnk/index.html>
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<https://globaldiplomacyindex.lowyinstitute.org/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. China has | a. continents |
| 2. around the | b. two years |
| 3. It has 276 diplomatic | c. consulates |
| 4. the same number | d. world |
| 5. China has more | e. embassies |
| 6. China opened five new | f. posts |
| 7. in the past | g. more embassies |
| 8. on four | h. of embassies |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. China is becoming stronger in | a. around the world |
| 2. It wants to be a | b. the world |
| 3. the world | c. expanding |
| 4. help China become | d. of limbo |
| 5. China is | e. economy |
| 6. diplomatic presence | f. diplomacy |
| 7. USA | g. stronger |
| 8. a period | h. bigger part |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China (1) _____ and consulates

(2) _____ than any other country. It has 276

diplomatic posts. The (3) _____.

They have the same (4) _____. China has more consulates.

(5) _____ new embassies in the past two years.

The new embassies (6) _____ continents.

The Global Diplomacy Index shows China

(7) _____ in the world. It wants to

(8) _____ part of the world economy.

(9) _____ diplomatic posts can help China

become stronger. China (10) _____ diplomatic

presence (11) _____, but USA diplomacy "has

entered a (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DIPLOMACY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about diplomacy 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) _____

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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) _____

