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Level 2 – 29th November, 2019

China overtakes USA for most diplomatic posts

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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China has more diplomatic posts around the world than any other country. Diplomatic posts include embassies and consulates. They represent a country overseas. China overtook the USA. China now has 276 diplomatic posts, while the USA has 273. The two countries have an equal number of embassies, but China has more consulates. China overtook the USA after it opened five new embassies in the past two years. The embassies are in Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.

Information about the number of diplomatic posts countries have was published in a report called the Global Diplomacy Index. A spokeswoman said the Index shows China is having more influence in the world. China's increasing diplomatic posts shows it wants to be a key player in the global economy. The spokeswoman said: "The results suggest that...China's network of overseas consulates can support the rollout of Beijing's economic ambitions." While China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, the spokeswoman said: "U.S. diplomacy has entered a period of limbo".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. more diplomatic posts | a. country overseas |
| 2. Diplomatic posts include | b. two years |
| 3. They represent a | c. posts |
| 4. China overtook | d. embassies |
| 5. China now has 276 diplomatic | e. around the world |
| 6. have an equal | f. the USA |
| 7. it opened five new | g. embassies |
| 8. in the past | h. number |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Information about the number | a. consulates |
| 2. published in a | b. diplomatic presence |
| 3. China is having more influence | c. player |
| 4. it wants to be a key | d. limbo |
| 5. China's network of overseas | e. report |
| 6. Beijing's economic | f. in the world |
| 7. China is expanding its | g. ambitions |
| 8. a period of | h. of diplomatic posts |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China (1) _____ posts around the world than any other country. Diplomatic posts include embassies and consulates. They (2) _____ overseas. China overtook the USA. China now has 276 diplomatic posts, while the USA has 273. The two countries have (3) _____ of embassies, but China has more consulates. China (4) _____ after it opened five new embassies in (5) _____ years. The (6) _____ Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.

Information about (7) _____ diplomatic posts countries have was published (8) _____ called the Global Diplomacy Index. A spokeswoman said the Index shows China is having (9) _____ the world. China's increasing diplomatic posts shows it wants to be a (10) _____ the global economy. The spokeswoman said: "The results suggest that...China's network of overseas consulates can (11) _____ of Beijing's economic ambitions." While China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, the spokeswoman said: "U.S. diplomacy has entered a (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DIPLOMACY SURVEY

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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) _____

