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Level 0 – 30th September

Armenia and Azerbaijan fight over Nagorno-Karabakh

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200930-nagorno-karabakh-0.html>

There is fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan. It is over a border area called Nagorno-Karabakh. Civilians and soldiers died in the clashes. Armenia said Azerbaijan started the conflict by launching missiles. Azerbaijan said it launched missiles to keep the population safe.

Tensions started after the Nagorno-Karabakh War in 1994. The current fighting is the worst in many years. A journalist said it was, "a very serious escalation". Turkey is backing Azerbaijan. Russia is backing to Armenia. It called for urgent talks. Iran offered to arrange peace talks.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-54314341>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There is | a. area |
| 2. between Armenia | b. clashes |
| 3. It is over a border | c. safe |
| 4. Civilians and | d. started the conflict |
| 5. in the | e. missiles |
| 6. Armenia said Azerbaijan | f. and Azerbaijan |
| 7. it launched | g. fighting |
| 8. keep the population | h. soldiers died |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. after the Nagorno-Karabakh | a. Armenia |
| 2. The current | b. War in 1994 |
| 3. the worst in | c. for urgent talks |
| 4. a very serious | d. fighting |
| 5. Turkey is | e. talks |
| 6. Russia is backing | f. escalation |
| 7. It called | g. many years |
| 8. Iran offered to arrange peace | h. backing Azerbaijan |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ between Armenia and Azerbaijan. It is

(2) _____ area called Nagorno-Karabakh.

Civilians and (3) _____ the clashes. Armenia said

Azerbaijan (4) _____ by launching missiles.

Azerbaijan said (5) _____ to keep

(6) _____.

Tensions (7) _____ Nagorno-Karabakh War in

1994. The (8) _____ the worst in many years. A

journalist said it was, "(9) _____ escalation".

Turkey is backing Azerbaijan. Russia (10) _____

Armenia. It called (11) _____. Iran offered to

(12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CONFLICT SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about conflict 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) _____

