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Level 1 – 30th September, 2020

Armenia and Azerbaijan fight over Nagorno-Karabakh

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200930-nagorno-karabakh-1.html>

There is fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan. It could lead to a bigger conflict. It is over a border region called Nagorno-Karabakh. Many in the world say it is part of Azerbaijan but it has a majority Armenian population. Civilians and soldiers died in the clashes. Armenia said Azerbaijan started the conflict by launching missiles into the region. Azerbaijan said it launched missiles to "ensure the safety of the population".

Tensions started between the two countries after the Nagorno-Karabakh War in 1994. The current clashes are the worst fighting in many years. A journalist said the fighting was, "a very serious escalation". Turkey said it would back Azerbaijan. Russia gave its backing to Armenia. It called for a ceasefire and urgent talks. Iran, which shares a border with Azerbaijan and Armenia, offered to arrange peace talks.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-54314341>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/09/27/europe/armenia-azerbaijan-tensions-nagorno-karabakh-intl/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200930-nagorno-karabakh-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. It could lead to a bigger | a. started the conflict |
| 2. It is over a border | b. missiles |
| 3. it has a majority Armenian | c. conflict |
| 4. Civilians and | d. of the population |
| 5. Armenia said Azerbaijan | e. population |
| 6. launching missiles into | f. soldiers died |
| 7. Azerbaijan said it launched | g. region |
| 8. ensure the safety | h. the region |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the worst fighting | a. ceasefire |
| 2. the fighting was a very | b. back Azerbaijan |
| 3. Turkey said it would | c. peace talks |
| 4. Russia gave its backing | d. serious escalation |
| 5. It called for a | e. border |
| 6. urgent | f. to Armenia |
| 7. shares a | g. in many years |
| 8. offered to arrange | h. talks |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200930-nagorno-karabakh-1.html>

There (1) _____ Armenia and Azerbaijan. It could lead to a bigger conflict. It is over (2) _____ called Nagorno-Karabakh. Many in the world say (3) _____ of Azerbaijan but it has a majority Armenian population. Civilians and soldiers (4) _____ clashes. Armenia said Azerbaijan started (5) _____ launching missiles into the region. Azerbaijan said it launched missiles to "ensure (6) _____ the population".

Tensions (7) _____ two countries after the Nagorno-Karabakh War in 1994. The (8) _____ the worst fighting in many years. A journalist said the fighting was, "(9) _____ escalation". Turkey said it would back Azerbaijan. Russia (10) _____ to Armenia. It called for a ceasefire (11) _____. Iran, which shares a border with Azerbaijan and Armenia, offered to (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CONFLICT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200930-nagorno-karabakh-4.html>

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) _____

