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Level 0 – 4th August, 2022

UN says nuclear annihilation is one mistake away

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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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We live in difficult times. We have a pandemic, a cost of living crisis, and climate change. There is another danger - nuclear war. The UN said a small mistake could lead to war. This is because tensions are high in Ukraine, Korea, and the Middle East. The UN said we are "lucky" to have avoided nuclear war.

The danger is at a very high level. The UN warned that: "Humanity is just one misunderstanding...away from nuclear [war]." It hoped the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty would help the world. It said: "Eliminating nuclear weapons is the only guarantee that they will never be used." The risk of nuclear war is growing.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-62381425>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. a cost of living | a. another danger |
| 2. There is | b. to war |
| 3. a small | c. East |
| 4. lead | d. war |
| 5. tensions | e. mistake |
| 6. the Middle | f. "lucky" |
| 7. The UN said we are | g. crisis |
| 8. avoided nuclear | h. are high |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The danger is at a very | a. be used |
| 2. The UN warned | b. high level |
| 3. just one misunderstanding away | c. world |
| 4. the Nuclear Non-Proliferation | d. is growing |
| 5. help the | e. that |
| 6. Eliminating nuclear weapons is | f. Treaty |
| 7. they will never | g. the only guarantee |
| 8. The risk of nuclear war | h. from nuclear war |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We (1) _____ times. We have a pandemic, a cost (2) _____, and climate change. There is another danger - nuclear war. The UN said (3) _____ could (4) _____. This is because tensions are high in Ukraine, Korea, and (5) _____. The UN said we are "lucky" to have (6) _____.

The danger is at a (7) _____. The UN warned that: "Humanity (8) _____ misunderstanding... (9) _____ [war]." It hoped the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty would (10) _____. It said: "Eliminating nuclear weapons (11) _____ guarantee that they will never be used." (12) _____ nuclear war is growing.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about nuclear weapons 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) _____

