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**Level 1 – 4th August, 2022**

**UN says nuclear annihilation is one mistake away**

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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/2208/220804-nuclear-annihilation-1.html>

We live in difficult times. We have a pandemic, a cost of living crisis, and a changing climate. The UN has warned of another danger - nuclear war. It said one small mistake could lead to war. This is because international tensions are "reaching new highs". Ukraine, Korea, and the Middle East are possible flashpoints. The UN said we are "lucky" to have avoided nuclear war. However, it said luck was not a strategy to stop global tensions.

The UN said the danger is at a level not seen in many years. It warned that: "Humanity is just one misunderstanding...away from nuclear annihilation." The UN Secretary-General said the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty should help the world. He added: "Eliminating nuclear weapons is the only guarantee that they will never be used." There are almost 13,000 nuclear weapons around the world. The risk of nuclear war is growing.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220804-nuclear-annihilation-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. We live                 | a. avoided nuclear war  |
| 2. a cost of living        | b. lead to war          |
| 3. The UN has warned       | c. stop global tensions |
| 4. one small mistake could | d. crisis               |
| 5. international           | e. East                 |
| 6. the Middle              | f. in difficult times   |
| 7. we are "lucky" to have  | g. tensions             |
| 8. a strategy to           | h. of another danger    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a level not seen               | a. 13,000             |
| 2. just one misunderstanding      | b. world              |
| 3. help the                       | c. is growing         |
| 4. Eliminating nuclear weapons is | d. be used            |
| 5. they will never                | e. in many years      |
| 6. There are almost               | f. weapons            |
| 7. nuclear                        | g. the only guarantee |
| 8. The risk of nuclear war        | h. away               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220804-nuclear-annihilation-1.html>

We live (1) \_\_\_\_\_. We have a pandemic, a cost (2) \_\_\_\_\_, and a changing climate. The UN has warned of another danger - nuclear war. It said one small mistake (3) \_\_\_\_\_ war. This is because international tensions are "reaching new highs". Ukraine, Korea, and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ are possible flashpoints. The UN said we are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ avoided nuclear war. However, it said luck was not a strategy to (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The UN said the danger is at a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in many years. It warned that: "Humanity (8) \_\_\_\_\_ misunderstanding... (9) \_\_\_\_\_ annihilation." The UN Secretary-General said the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (10) \_\_\_\_\_ world. He added: "Eliminating nuclear weapons (11) \_\_\_\_\_ guarantee that they will never be used." There are almost 13,000 nuclear weapons around the world. The risk of nuclear (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# NUCLEAR WEAPONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220804-nuclear-annihilation-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

