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Pakistan and India agree to ceasefire

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THE ARTICLE

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Pakistan and India have announced a ceasefire, amid claims by both sides of violations. The two nuclear-armed neighbours have come close to all-out war in recent weeks. This is because of an attack on a tourist sight in India-controlled Kashmir on the 22nd of April, which left 26 civilians dead. India blamed Pakistan for instigating the attack. Pakistan vociferously denied the allegations. Both countries have launched military strikes on each other since the attack. Pakistan said it targeted military sites in India after India fired missiles at air bases in Pakistan's Punjab province on Saturday. This fuelled fears that tensions might escalate into a more dangerous regional conflict.

The ceasefire is looking somewhat fragile as both sides are accusing each other of violating it. Pakistan's foreign ministry said the country "remains committed to a faithful implementation of the ceasefire". A spokesman for India's military denied accusations that India was not adhering to the truce. He said India would retaliate if its territory was attacked. He warned: "We remain fully operationally ready to launch whatever operations may be required in defence of the nation". US President Donald Trump announced the ceasefire followed talks mediated by the United States. The U.S. "urged both parties to find ways to de-escalate and offered assistance in starting constructive talks".

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WARM-UPS

1. INDIA AND PAKISTAN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about India and Pakistan. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

India / Pakistan / ceasefire / nuclear-armed / tourist sight / allegations / missiles / foreign ministry / faithful / truce / territory / defence / nation / constructive talks

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. NUCLEAR BAN: Students A **strongly** believe all countries should destroy their stockpiles of nuclear weapons; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WARS/CONFLICTS: What do you know about these wars/conflicts? How can we stop them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	How to Stop Them
India-Pakistan		
Gaza		
Ukraine-Russia		
Sudan		
Yemen		
Myanmar		

5. WEAPON: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "weapon". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CONFLICT RESOLUTION: Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to avoid wars at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Dialogue
- Mediation
- U.N. help
- Ceasefire
- Sport
- Citizen forums
- Education
- Help of neighbours

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. amid | a. Complete or with full effort. |
| 2. violation | b. In the middle of something happening. |
| 3. all-out | c. Starting something, often something bad. |
| 4. instigating | d. In a loud and strong way. |
| 5. vociferously | e. When a rule or law is broken. |
| 6. allegation | f. Made something stronger, like a feeling or action. |
| 7. fuelled | g. A claim that someone did something wrong, without proof yet. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. fragile | h. Saying someone did something wrong. |
| 9. accusing | i. When two sides agree to stop fighting. |
| 10. committed | j. Easy to break or damage. |
| 11. adhering | k. Serious about doing something and not giving up. |
| 12. truce | l. Helped two people or groups find a solution. |
| 13. mediated | m. Following a rule or plan. |
| 14. de-escalate | n. Make something less serious or dangerous. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Only one side in the conflict has violated the ceasefire. **T / F**
2. The two nations have both threatened to use nuclear weapons. **T / F**
3. An attack on April 22 killed 26 people in India-controlled Kashmir. **T / F**
4. Pakistan claimed its air bases were hit by Indian missiles on Saturday. **T / F**
5. The article says the ceasefire is volatile. **T / F**
6. India said it would fight back if it was attacked. **T / F**
7. Donald Trump said he personally mediated ceasefire talks. **T / F**
8. The USA said it would help in getting the two sides to talk. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. announced | a. brittle |
| 2. violations | b. claims |
| 3. instigating | c. useful |
| 4. allegations | d. starting |
| 5. fuelled | e. carrying out |
| 6. fragile | f. fight back |
| 7. implementation | g. made public |
| 8. retaliate | h. encouraged |
| 9. urged | i. stoked up |
| 10. constructive | j. breaches |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. come close to all-out | a. denied the allegations |
| 2. Pakistan vociferously | b. to the truce |
| 3. Both countries have launched military | c. of the ceasefire |
| 4. it targeted military | d. might escalate |
| 5. This fuelled fears that tensions | e. by the United States |
| 6. The ceasefire is looking somewhat | f. war |
| 7. committed to a faithful implementation | g. defence of the nation |
| 8. accusations that India was not adhering | h. sites |
| 9. operations may be required in | i. fragile |
| 10. the ceasefire followed talks mediated | j. strikes on each other |

GAP FILL

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Pakistan and India have announced a ceasefire, (1) _____ claims by both sides of violations. The two nuclear-armed neighbours have come close to (2) _____ war in recent weeks. This is because of an attack on a tourist sight in India-(3) _____ Kashmir on the 22nd of April, which left 26 (4) _____ dead. India blamed Pakistan for instigating the attack. Pakistan vociferously (5) _____ the allegations. Both countries have launched military (6) _____ on each other since the attack. Pakistan said it targeted military sites in India after India fired missiles at air (7) _____ in Pakistan's Punjab province on Saturday. This fuelled fears that tensions might escalate into a more dangerous (8) _____ conflict.

*all-out
amid
bases
denied
civilians
regional
controlled
strikes*

The ceasefire is looking somewhat (9) _____ as both sides are accusing each other of violating it. Pakistan's foreign ministry said the country "remains committed to a (10) _____ implementation of the ceasefire". A spokesman for India's military (11) _____ accusations that India was not adhering to the (12) _____. He said India would retaliate if its territory was attacked. He warned: "We remain fully operationally ready to (13) _____ whatever operations may be required in (14) _____ of the nation". US President Donald Trump announced the ceasefire followed talks (15) _____ by the United States. The U.S. "urged both parties to find ways to de-escalate and offered (16) _____ in starting constructive talks".

*mediated
faithful
assistance
truce
fragile
defence
denied
launch*

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire.html>

- 1) Pakistan and India have announced a ceasefire, amid _____
 - a. claim by both
 - b. claiming by both
 - c. claimed by both
 - d. claims by both
- 2) The two nuclear-armed neighbours have come close _____
 - a. to all-out war
 - b. to all-up war
 - c. to all-lout war
 - d. to call-out war
- 3) India blamed Pakistan for _____
 - a. investigating the attack
 - b. instigate in the attack
 - c. instigate tin the attack
 - d. instigating the attack
- 4) Pakistan said it targeted military sites in India after India fired missiles _____
 - a. at air basis
 - b. at air basics
 - c. at air bases
 - d. at air bays
- 5) This fuelled fears that _____
 - a. tensions might escalator
 - b. tensions might escalate
 - c. tensions might escallop
 - d. tensions might inculcate
- 6) The ceasefire is looking somewhat fragile as both sides are _____
 - a. accusing reach other
 - b. accusing teach other
 - c. accusing each another
 - d. accusing each other
- 7) denied accusations that India was not adhering _____
 - a. to the spruce
 - b. to the truce
 - c. to the deuce
 - d. to the truth
- 8) We remain fully operationally ready to launch whatever operations _____
 - a. may being required
 - b. may be required
 - c. may been required
 - d. maybe required
- 9) U.S. President Donald Trump announced the _____
 - a. ceasefire follows talks
 - b. ceasefire follower talks
 - c. ceasefire followers talks
 - d. ceasefire followed talks
- 10) find ways to de-escalate and offered assistance in _____
 - a. starting conspicuous talks
 - b. starting constrictive talks
 - c. starting constructive talks
 - d. starting construction talks

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The ceasefire is looking (7) _____ both sides are accusing each other of violating it. Pakistan's foreign ministry said the country "(8) _____ a faithful implementation of the ceasefire". A spokesman for India's military denied accusations that India was not (9) _____ truce. He said India would retaliate if its territory was attacked. He warned: "We remain fully operationally ready to (10) _____ may be required in defence of the nation". US President Donald Trump announced the ceasefire followed (11) _____ the United States. The U.S. "urged both parties to find ways to de-escalate and offered (12) _____ constructive talks".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire.html>

1. What did India and Pakistan come close to?
2. Where was there an attack in which 26 people died?
3. What did Pakistan do about allegations it carried out the attacks?
4. Where are the air bases that Pakistan said were hit by Indian missiles?
5. What are there fears that increasing tensions might fuel?
6. How did the article say the ceasefire is looking?
7. What did Pakistan claim India was not adhering to?
8. What did India say it would do if it were attacked?
9. Who did Donald Trump say the talks were mediated by?
10. What did the USA urge both parties to do?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire.html>

- 1) What did India and Pakistan come close to?
 - a) nuclear confrontation
 - b) peace
 - c) all-out war
 - d) talks
- 2) Where was there an attack in which 26 people died?
 - a) India-controlled Kashmir
 - b) Pakistan-controlled Kashmir
 - c) in Pakistan's Punjab
 - d) in India's capital
- 3) What did Pakistan do about allegations it carried out the attacks?
 - a) kept quiet about them
 - b) vociferously denied them
 - c) ignore them
 - d) get angry about them
- 4) Where are the air bases that Pakistan said were hit by Indian missiles?
 - a) India-controlled Kashmir
 - b) in Pakistan's capital
 - c) Pakistan-controlled Kashmir
 - d) in Pakistan's Punjab
- 5) What are there fears that increasing tensions might fuel?
 - a) World War III
 - b) oil price rises
 - c) a more dangerous regional conflict
 - d) an exodus of people
- 6) How did the article say the ceasefire is looking?
 - a) in good condition
 - b) somewhat fragile
 - c) uncertain
 - d) pretty good
- 7) What did Pakistan claim India was not adhering to?
 - a) its own foreign policy
 - b) the rules of war
 - c) peace
 - d) the truce
- 8) What did India say it would do if it were attacked?
 - a) wait
 - b) retaliate
 - c) defend itself
 - d) go to the U.N.
- 9) Who did Donald Trump say the talks were mediated by?
 - a) the U.N.
 - b) the United States
 - c) China
 - d) Saudi Arabia
- 10) What did the USA urge both parties to do?
 - a) Find ways to de-escalate
 - b) Count to ten
 - c) Destroy their nuclear weapons
 - d) Meet in Washington

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Dialogue

You think dialogue is the best way to prevent wars from starting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the help of the U.N., sport or education.

Role B – U.N. Help

You think the help of the U.N. is the best way to prevent wars from starting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): dialogue, sport or education.

Role C – Sport

You think sport is the best way to prevent wars from starting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the help of the U.N., dialogue or education.

Role D – Education

You think education is the best way to prevent wars from starting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the help of the U.N., sport or dialogue.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'India' and 'Pakistan'.

India	Pakistan

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• claims• all-out• site• allegations• air• fears	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fragile• faithful• retaliate• fully• talks• ways
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INDIA AND PAKISTAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about India and Pakistan 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.

INDIA AND PAKISTAN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'India'?
3. What do you know about India-Pakistan relations?
4. What do you know about India?
5. What do you think of India and Pakistan being nuclear armed?
6. How worried are you about this conflict?
7. How would the world change if war started between India and Pakistan?
8. What started the recent conflict?
9. What do you think the next few weeks will be like?
10. What advice do you have for the two country's leaders?

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INDIA AND PAKISTAN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Pakistan'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Pakistan?
15. How long do you think the ceasefire will last?
16. Why are so many ceasefires broken?
17. What should happen to Kashmir?
18. Is the world getting safer or more dangerous?
19. What can other nations do to de-escalate this crisis?
20. What questions would you like to ask the country's leaders?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) amid | (b) mid | (c) midst | (d) middling |
| 2. | (a) in-out | (b) all-in | (c) all over | (d) all told |
| 3. | (a) civilize | (b) civics | (c) civilians | (d) civilized |
| 4. | (a) defiled | (b) defied | (c) decried | (d) denied |
| 5. | (a) bases | (b) basis | (c) basics | (d) bays |
| 6. | (a) unto | (b) into | (c) onto | (d) as to |
| 7. | (a) fragrant | (b) fragment | (c) agile | (d) fragile |
| 8. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) as |
| 9. | (a) spruce | (b) deuce | (c) truce | (d) puce |
| 10. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) at | (d) to |
| 11. | (a) meddled | (b) meditated | (c) medicated | (d) mediated |
| 12. | (a) starts | (b) starting | (c) started | (d) start |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. amid claims by both sides of iaovltsino
2. gntsntgii the attack
3. Pakistan sueyorioflcy denied the allegations
4. it targeted itrymial sites
5. This fuelled fears that tensions might aasctlee
6. a more dangerous logierna conflict

Paragraph 2

7. The ceasefire is looking somewhat arfleig
8. cmotetimd to a faithful implementation
9. not raingdhe to the truce
10. He said India would elreaitta
11. talks daeitdem by the United States
12. ways to secdtaaeel-

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 26 civilians dead. India blamed Pakistan for instigating the attack. Pakistan vociferously
- () announced the ceasefire followed talks mediated by the United States. The U.S. "urged
- () both parties to find ways to de-escalate and offered assistance in starting constructive talks".
- () denied the allegations. Both countries have launched military strikes on each other since the attack. Pakistan said it
- () each other of violating it. Pakistan's foreign ministry said the country "remains committed to a faithful
- () implementation of the ceasefire". A spokesman for India's military denied accusations that India was not adhering to the
- () launch whatever operations may be required in defence of the nation". US President Donald Trump
- (**1**) Pakistan and India have announced a ceasefire, amid claims by both sides of
- () province on Saturday. This fuelled fears that tensions might escalate into a more dangerous regional conflict.
- () targeted military sites in India after India fired missiles at air bases in Pakistan's Punjab
- () The ceasefire is looking somewhat fragile as both sides are accusing
- () truce. He said India would retaliate if its territory was attacked. He warned: "We remain fully operationally ready to
- () violations. The two nuclear-armed neighbours have come close to all-out war in recent
- () weeks. This is because of an attack on a tourist sight in India-controlled Kashmir on the 22nd of April, which left

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire.html>

1. The come war neighbours close have all-out to .
2. Because tourist a on attack of an sight .
3. India instigating blamed for Pakistan the attack .
4. Both countries each on military strikes launched other .
5. This escalate tensions has that fears might fuelled .
6. Both of accused violating each other it sides .
7. The faithful implementation committed a country remains to .
8. India retaliate would territory if its was attacked .
9. Ready required operations be whatever may to launch .
10. It constructive starting talks in assistance offered .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire.html>

Pakistan and India have announced a ceasefire, *armed* / *amid* claims by both sides of violations. The two nuclear-armed neighbours have come *close* / *closing* to all-out war in recent weeks. This is because of an attack on a tourist *sighting* / *sight* in India-controlled Kashmir on the 22nd of April, which left 26 civilians *died* / *dead*. India blamed Pakistan for *investigating* / *instigating* the attack. Pakistan vociferously *declined* / *denied* the allegations. Both countries have launched *military* / *militia* strikes on each other *for* / *since* the attack. Pakistan said it targeted military sites in India after India fired missiles at air *basis* / *bases* in Pakistan's Punjab province on Saturday. This fuelled fears that tensions might escalate *into* / *onto* a more dangerous regional conflict.

The ceasefire is looking somewhat *frigid* / *fragile* as both sides are accusing each other *of* / *to* violating it. Pakistan's foreign ministry said the country "remains committed *of* / *to* a faithful implementation of the ceasefire". A spokesman for India's military denied accusations *what* / *that* India was not *adhering* / *adhesive* to the truce. He said India would retaliate if its territory was attacked. He warned: "We remain fully *operationally* / *operational* ready to launch whatever operations may be required *in* / *on* defence of the nation". US President Donald Trump announced the ceasefire followed talks *medicated* / *mediated* by the United States. The U.S. "*urged* / *urging* both parties to find ways to de-escalate and offered assistance *in* / *at* starting constructive talks".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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P_k_st_n _nd _nd__ h_v_ _nn__nc_d _ c__s_f_r_, _m_d
cl__ms by b_th s_d_s _f v__l_t__ns. Th_ tw_ n_cl__r-
_rm_d n__ghb__rs h_v_ c_m_ cl_s_ t_ _ll-__t w_r _n
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P_k_st_n _f_r _nst_g_t_ng th_ _tt_ck. P_k_st_n
v_c_f_r__sly d_n__d th_ _ll_g_t__ns. B_th c__ntr__s
h_v_ l__nch_d m_l_t_ry str_k_s _n __ch _th_r s_nc_
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d_ng_r__s r_g__n_l c_nfl_ct.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250512-india-pakistan-ceasefire.html>

pakistan and india have announced a ceasefire amid claims by both sides of violations the two nucleararmed neighbours have come close to allout war in recent weeks this is because of an attack on a tourist sight in indiacontrolled kashmir on the 22nd of april which left 26 civilians dead india blamed pakistan for instigating the attack pakistan vociferously denied the allegations both countries have launched military strikes on each other since the attack pakistan said it targeted military sites in india after india fired missiles at air bases in pakistans punjab province on saturday this fuelled fears that tensions might escalate into a more dangerous regional conflict the ceasefire is looking somewhat fragile as both sides are accusing each other of violating it pakistans foreign ministry said the country remains committed to a faithful implementation of the ceasefire a spokesman for indias military denied accusations that india was not adhering to the truce he said india would retaliate if its territory was attacked he warned we remain fully operationally ready to launch whatever operations may be required in defence of the nation us president donald trump announced the ceasefire followed talks mediated by the united states the us urged both parties to find ways to deescalate and offered assistance in starting constructive talks

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Pakistan and India have announced a ceasefire, amid claims by both sides of violations. The two nuclear-armed neighbours have come close to a full-out war in recent weeks. This is because of an attack on a tourist sight in India-controlled Kashmir on the 22nd of April, which left 26 civilians dead. India blamed Pakistan for instigating the attack. Pakistan vociferously denied the allegations. Both countries have launched military strikes on each other since the attack. Pakistan said it targeted military sites in India after India fired missiles at air bases in Pakistan's Punjab province on Saturday. This fuelled fears that tensions might escalate into a more dangerous regional conflict. The ceasefire is looking somewhat fragile as both sides are accusing each other of violating it. Pakistan's foreign minister said "the country" remains committed to a faithful implementation of the ceasefire. A spokesman for India's military denied accusations that India was not adhering to the truce and said India would retaliate if its territory was attacked. He warned: "We remain fully operationally ready to launch whatever operations may be required in defence of the nation". US President Donald Trump announced the ceasefire followed talks mediated by the United States. The U.S. "urged both parties to find ways to de-escalate and offered assistance in starting constructive talks".

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. INDIA AND PAKISTAN: Make a poster about India and Pakistan. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NUCLEAR WEAPONS: Write a magazine article about all countries destroying their stockpiles of nuclear weapons. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on India and Pakistan. Ask him/her three questions about India and Pakistan. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. j	3. d	4. b	5. i
6. a	7. e	8. f	9. h	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. All-out war
2. India-controlled Kashmir
3. Vociferously denied them
4. In Pakistan's Punjab
5. A more dangerous regional conflict
6. Somewhat fragile
7. The truce
8. Retaliate
9. The United States
10. Find ways to de-escalate.

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The neighbours have come close to all-out war.
2. Because of an attack on a tourist sight.
3. India blamed Pakistan for instigating the attack.
4. Both countries launched military strikes on each other.
5. This has fuelled fears that tensions might escalate.
6. Both sides accused each other of violating it.
7. The country remains committed to a faithful implementation.
8. India would retaliate if its territory was attacked.
9. Ready to launch whatever operations may be required.
10. It offered assistance in starting constructive talks.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)