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## **Level 1**

**The world is 0.28% more peaceful than a year ago**

**3rd June, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170603-world-peace-1.html>

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

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170603-world-peace-1.html>

The world is more peaceful today than it was a year ago. The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) said the world is now 0.28% more peaceful. The IEP reports on world peace every year. It publishes its Global Peace Index (GPI). This gives a peace score to 163 countries. It also advises countries on how to be peaceful. Iceland is the most peaceful country in the world. The next four countries are New Zealand, Portugal, Austria and Denmark.

The report says that 93 countries are more peaceful and 68 are more violent. Researchers looked at different things that change peace. They looked at the murder rate, the number of weapons, terrorism, and the number of soldiers a country has. Syria has been the least peaceful country for five years. The next four are Afghanistan, Iraq, South Sudan and Yemen. There are too many problems in the Middle East and the USA.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-40118188>  
\*<http://visionofhumanity.org/app/uploads/2017/06/GPI-2017-Report-1.pdf>  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/01/us-plummets-global-peace-ranking-due-political-instability/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170603-world-peace-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. The world is more peaceful           | a. how to be peaceful |
| 2. the world is now 0.28% more          | b. Global Peace Index |
| 3. The IEP reports on world peace       | c. in the world       |
| 4. It publishes its                     | d. every year         |
| 5. This gives a peace score             | e. countries          |
| 6. It also advises countries on         | f. to 163 countries   |
| 7. Iceland is the most peaceful country | g. peaceful           |
| 8. The next four                        | h. today              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The report says that 93 countries | a. peace             |
| 2. 68 are more                       | b. many problems     |
| 3. different things that change      | c. violent           |
| 4. the murder                        | d. weapons           |
| 5. the number of                     | e. for five years    |
| 6. the least peaceful country        | f. are more peaceful |
| 7. There are too                     | g. East              |
| 8. the Middle                        | h. rate              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The world is more peaceful today (1) \_\_\_\_\_ year ago. The Institute for Economics (2) \_\_\_\_\_ said the world is now 0.28% more peaceful. The IEP (3) \_\_\_\_\_ peace every year. It publishes its Global Peace Index (GPI). This gives a peace (4) \_\_\_\_\_ countries. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ countries on how to be peaceful. Iceland is the most peaceful country in the world. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ countries are New Zealand, Portugal, Austria and Denmark.

The report says (7) \_\_\_\_\_ are more peaceful and 68 (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Researchers looked at different things (9) \_\_\_\_\_. They looked at the murder rate, the (10) \_\_\_\_\_, terrorism, and the number of soldiers a country has. Syria has been the least peaceful country for five years. The (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Afghanistan, Iraq, South Sudan and Yemen. There are too many (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Middle East and the USA.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WORLD PEACE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170603-world-peace-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about world peace 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170603-world-peace-1.html>

Write about **world peace** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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