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Level 3 The world is 0.28% more peaceful than a year ago

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#### Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).



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# THE ARTICLE

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A new report says the world is slightly more peaceful than it was a year ago. The report was made by an organization called the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). The IEP has reported on world peace for the past 10 years. Every year, it publishes a document called the Global Peace Index\* (GPI). This index ranks 163 countries and territories on their level of peacefulness. It also offers advice on how to develop peaceful societies. The latest report found that the world became 0.28% more peaceful over the past year. Iceland is the most peaceful country in the world. It has been number one on the GPI since 2008. The next four most peaceful countries are New Zealand, Portugal, Austria and Denmark.

The report says that in the past year, 93 countries have become more peaceful, while 68 have got more violent. Researchers measured many things to work out the level of peace in each country. They measured the murder rate, how easy it was to get weapons, terrorism and terror attacks, and the number of soldiers or police each country had. The IEP said Syria is the least peaceful country in the world. Syria has now been bottom of the list for five years in a row. The next four most violent countries are Afghanistan, Iraq, South Sudan and Yemen. The chairman of the IEP warned that: "The world is still [stuck] with conflict in the Middle East, political turmoil in the US, refugee flows, and terrorism in Europe."

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#### WARM-UPS

**1. WORLD PEACE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about world peace. 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?

report / slightly / world peace / document / index / countries / advice / peaceful / one the past year / violent / weapons / soldiers / terrorism / bottom / conflict / refugee

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

**3. PEACEFUL:** Students A **strongly** believe there will be peace all over the world one day; Students B **strongly** believe that will never happen. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. LEAST PEACEFUL:** What problems do these countries have? How can they get over these problems? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Problems	Solutions
Syria		
Afghanistan		
Iraq		
South Sudan		
Yemen		
Other		

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

**6. BARRIERS TO PEACE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- terrorism
- world leaders
- crime
- drugs

- conflicts
- political turmoil
- refugee crisis
- greed

# **BEFORE READING / LISTENING**

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170603-world-peace.html

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

- a. The Global Peace Index is written by the United Nations. **T / F**
- b. The Global Peace Index is 10 years old. **T / F**
- c. Researchers looked at levels of peace in 163 countries and territories. **T / F**
- d. Iceland has been the most peaceful country since 2008. **T / F**
- e. The report said 68 countries became more peaceful in the past year. **T / F**
- f. Researchers did not include murder rates in their research. **T / F**
- g. Syria has been the least peaceful country for five years. **T / F**
- h. The researchers said the USA was very peaceful. **T / F**

#### **2. SYNONYM MATCH:**

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- 1. slightly
- 2. publishes
- 3. ranks
- 4. advice
- 5. number one
- 6. work out
- 7. in a row
- 8. warned
- 9. conflict
- 10. turmoil

- a. war
- b. guidelines
- c. first
- d. issues
- e. running
- f. a little
- g. trouble
- h. calculate
- i. orders
- j. cautioned

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

- 1. the world is slightly
- 2. This index ranks 163 countries
- 3. It also offers
- 4. It has been number one on
- 5. The next four
- 6. 93 countries have
- 7. work out the level
- 8. bottom of
- 9. conflict in the
- 10. political

- a. and territories
- b. Middle East
- c. most peaceful countries
- d. become more peaceful
- e. advice
- f. the list
- g. more peaceful
- h. turmoil
- i. the GPI since 2008
- j. of peace

### **GAP FILL**

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A new report says the world is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ more peaceful past than it was a year ago. The report was made by an organization societies (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). slightly The IEP has reported on world peace for the (3) 10 next years. Every year, it publishes a document called the Global Peace Index (GPI). This index (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 163 countries and level territories on their (5) of peacefulness. It also called offers advice on how to develop peaceful (6) \_\_\_\_\_. The number latest report found that the world became 0.28% more peaceful ranks over the past year. Iceland is the most peaceful country in the world. It has been (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_ one on the GPI since 2008. The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ four most peaceful countries are New Zealand, Portugal, Austria and Denmark.

The report says that in the past year, 93 countries have become rate more peaceful, while 68 have got more (9) least Researchers measured many things to work out the level of peace violent in (10) \_\_\_\_\_ country. They measured the murder refugee (11) \_\_\_\_\_, how easy it was to get weapons, terrorism (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_ and terror attacks, and the number of soldiers or police each country had. The IEP said Syria is the conflict (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_ peaceful country in the world. Syria has now each been (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of the list for five years in a row. The bottom next four most violent countries are Afghanistan, Iraq, South Sudan and Yemen. The chairman of the IEP warned that: "The world is still [stuck] with (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Middle East, political turmoil in the US, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ flows, and terrorism in Europe."

#### **LISTENING** – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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<ol> <li>A new report says the world is slightly more peaceful than it</li> <li>a. is a year ago</li> </ol>
b. was a year ago
c. has a year ago
d. been a year ago
<ol><li>The IEP has reported on world peace for the</li></ol>
a. passed 10 years
b. past 10 years
c. parsed 10 years d. psst 10 years
<ol> <li>This index ranks 163 countries and territories on their level</li> </ol>
a. of peacefulness
b. of peacefully ness
c. of peace fullness
d. of peace fully ness
<ol> <li>It also offers advice on how to develop</li> </ol>
a. peacefully societies
<ul> <li>b. peace full societies</li> <li>c. peaceful societies</li> </ul>
d. peace filled societies
5) It has been number one on the GPI
a. for 2008
b. then 2008
c. in 2008
d. since 2008
6) 93 countries have become more peaceful, while 68 have got
a. more violently b. most violent
c. most violently
d. more violent
7) Researchers measured many things to work out the level of peace
a. in reach country
b. in each country
c. in peach country
d. in beach country
<ol> <li>the murder rate, how easy it was to get weapons, terrorism</li> <li>a. and terrors attacks</li> </ol>
b. and terror attacks
c. and terror attack
d. and terrors attack
<ol><li>Syria has now been bottom of the list for five years</li></ol>
a. in a row
b. in a low
c. in allow d. in arrow
10) The world is still stuck with conflict in the Middle East, political US
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b. term oil in the
c. turmoil in the
d. tern oil in the
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#### LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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- 1. What does IEP mean?
- 2. How long has the IEP been making the Global Peace Index?
- 3. How many countries and territories did the GPI look at?
- 4. What does the IEP offer to help develop peaceful societies?
- 5. Since when has Iceland been number one on the Global Peace Index?
- 6. How many countries have become more violent?
- 7. What rate did researchers look at in each country?
- 8. For how long has Syria been the least peaceful country?
- 9. What did researchers say the world was stuck with in the Middle East?
- 10. What kind of turmoil did researchers say there was in the US?

# **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

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<ol> <li>1) What does IEP mean?         <ul> <li>a) Intercontinental Economy of Peacefulness</li> <li>b) Institute for Easy Peace</li> <li>c) Institution for Economics and Peace</li> <li>d) International Economies for Peace</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) How long has the IEP been making the Global Peace Index?         <ul> <li>a) 10 years</li> <li>b) 20 years</li> <li>c) 30 years</li> <li>d) 40 years</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) How many countries and territories did the GPI look at?         <ul> <li>a) 163</li> <li>b) 162</li> <li>c) 161</li> <li>d) 160</li> </ul> </li> <li>4) What does the IEP offer to help develop peaceful societies?</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>6) How many countries have become more violent?</li> <li>a) 67</li> <li>b) 68</li> <li>c) 93</li> <li>d) 94</li> <li>7) What rate did researchers look at in each country?</li> <li>a) the murder rate</li> <li>b) the death rate</li> <li>c) the interest rate</li> <li>d) the peace rate</li> <li>8) For how long has Syria been the least peaceful country?</li> <li>a) 7 years</li> <li>b) 6 years</li> <li>c) 5 years</li> <li>d) 8 years</li> <li>9) What did researchers say the world was stuck with in the Middle East?</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>4) What does the IEP offer to help develop peaceful societies?</li> <li>a) software</li> <li>b) advice</li> <li>c) money</li> <li>d) personnel</li> </ul>	world was stuck with in the Middle East? a) glue b) mess c) corruption d) conflict
<ul> <li>5) Since when has Iceland been number one on the Global Peace Index?</li> <li>a) 2012</li> <li>b) 2005</li> <li>c) 2007</li> <li>d) 2008</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>10) What kind of turmoil did</li> <li>researchers say there was in the US?</li> <li>a) political</li> <li>b) economic</li> <li>c) societal</li> <li>d) business</li> </ul>

# **ROLE PLAY**

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#### Role A – Terrorism

You think terrorism is the biggest barrier to word peace. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't such big barriers. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to hurt peace (and why): world leaders, greed or weapons.

#### **Role B – World Leaders**

You think world leaders are the biggest barrier to word peace. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't such big barriers. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to hurt peace (and why): terrorism, greed or weapons.

#### Role C – Greed

You think greed is the biggest barrier to word peace. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't such big barriers. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to hurt peace (and why): world leaders, terrorism or weapons.

#### **Role D – Weapons**

You think weapons are the biggest barrier to word peace. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't such big barriers. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to hurt peace (and why): world leaders, greed or terrorism.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'world' and 'peace'.

world	peace

- 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><li>slightly</li><li>reported</li><li>163</li></ul>	<ul><li>93</li><li>work</li><li>murder</li></ul>
<ul> <li>latest</li> </ul>	• least
• 2008	• five
• four	• still

### WORLD PEACE SURVEY

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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.

# WORLD PEACE 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 'peace'?
- 3. Is it important for organizations to measure peace?
- 4. Why is the world more peaceful now?
- 5. How could your country get into the top five most peaceful countries?
- 6. What can leaders do to develop peaceful societies?
- 7. How peaceful is your country?
- 8. How can you make the world more peaceful?
- 9. Why do you think Iceland is so peaceful?
- 10. What good things come from peace?

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WORLD PEACE 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 'violent'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. What makes a country peaceful?
- 15. What needs to happen for terrorism to disappear?
- 16. How peaceful will the world be in 10 years from now?
- 17. Why are the bottom five countries the least peaceful?
- 18. How can the world help the bottom five countries?
- 19. Will the world ever live in peace?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

### **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.		
21		
3.	 	
4.		
5.	 	
6.		

### LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

1.	(a)	slighted	(b)	slightly	(c)	slight	(d)	slights
2.	(a)	in	(b)	on	(c)	to	(d)	at
3.	(a)	psst	(b)	passed	(c)	post	(d)	past
4.	(a)	name	(b)	called	(c)	title	(d)	written
5.	(a)	find	(b)	found	(c)	finding	(d)	founded
6.	(a)	numbered	(b)	numeral	(c)	number	(d)	numb
7.	(a)	measures	(b)	measurement	(c)	measured	(d)	measuring
8.	(a)	which	(b)	that	(c)	how	(d)	why
9.	(a)	that	(b)	whole	(c)	all	(d)	each
10.	(a)	lost	(b)	lust	(c)	lest	(d)	list
11.	(a)	still	(b)	stilling	(c)	stilled	(d)	stills
12.	(a)	flews	(b)	flaws	(c)	flows	(d)	floors

# SPELLING

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#### Paragraph 1

- 1. <u>glslhyti</u> more peaceful
- 2. made by an giztinoraona
- 3. it <u>lhueissbp</u> a document
- 4. 163 countries and etrstoiirer
- 5. It also offers edivca
- 6. <u>olpvede</u> peaceful societies

#### Paragraph 2

- 7. 68 have got more <u>nleivot</u>
- 8. Researchers <u>esardume</u> many things
- 9. the <u>eumdrr</u> rate
- 10. get pneawos, terrorism and terror attacks
- 11. <u>cfnltoic</u> in the Middle East
- 12. refgeue flows

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <u>http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170603-world-peace.html</u>

#### Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) organization called the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). The IEP has reported on world peace for
- ( ) societies. The latest report found that the world became 0.28% more peaceful over the past year. Iceland is the most
- ( ) peaceful country in the world. It has been number one on the GPI since 2008. The next
- ( ) countries and territories on their level of peacefulness. It also offers advice on how to develop peaceful
- ( ) the past 10 years. Every year, it publishes a document called the Global Peace Index (GPI). This index ranks 163
- (1) A new report says the world is slightly more peaceful than it was a year ago. The report was made by an
- ( ) country had. The IEP said Syria is the least peaceful country in the world. Syria has now been bottom
- ( ) East, political turmoil in the US, refugee flows, and terrorism in Europe."
- ( ) of the list for five years in a row. The next four most violent countries are Afghanistan, Iraq, South Sudan
- ( ) and Yemen. The chairman of the IEP warned that: "The world is still [stuck] with conflict in the Middle
- ( ) rate, how easy it was to get weapons, terrorism and terror attacks, and the number of soldiers or police each
- ( ) violent. Researchers measured many things to work out the level of peace in each country. They measured the murder
- ( ) four most peaceful countries are New Zealand, Portugal, Austria and Denmark.
- ( ) The report says that in the past year, 93 countries have become more peaceful, while 68 have got more

#### PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. the slightly A says is peaceful report world more new .

2. on reported has IEP The years 10 past the for peace world .

3. develop It advice to societies offers how peaceful also on .

4. more world past peaceful 0.28% became year over The the .

5. on since has one GPI It number the 2008 been .

6. peaceful past 93 more the , become In year have countries .

7. work measured out many the things level to Researchers .

8. has years of Syria five bottom row for been a list now in the .

9. Middle is with the world stuck in East still conflict The .

10. in the US , refugee flows , and terrorism Political turmoil .

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## **CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)**

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A new report says the world is *slightly / slight* more peaceful than it was a year ago. The report was made by an organization *calling / called* the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). The IEP has reported *in / on* world peace for the past 10 years. Every year, it *publishes / publish* a document called the Global Peace Index (GPI). This index *thanks / ranks* 163 countries and territories on their level of peacefulness. It also offers *advise / advice* on how to develop peaceful societies. The latest report found that the world *became / becomes* 0.28% more peaceful *over / under* the past year. Iceland is the most peaceful country *in / on* the world. It has been number one on the GPI since 2008. The *then / next* four most peaceful countries are New Zealand, Portugal, Austria and Denmark.

The report says that in the *past / passed* year, 93 countries have become more peaceful, while 68 have got *much / more* violent. Researchers measured many things to work *in / out* the level of peace in *each / all* country. They measured the murder rate, *how / what* easy it was to get weapons, terrorism and terror attacks, and the *numeral / number* of soldiers or police each country had. The IEP said Syria is the *least / last* peaceful country in the world. Syria has now been bottom of the list for five years in a *low / row*. The next four most violent countries are Afghanistan, Iraq, South Sudan and Yemen. The chairman of the IEP *warmed / warned* that: "The world is still [stuck] with conflict in the Middle East, political turmoil in the US, refugee *flaws / flows*, and terrorism in Europe."

# Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

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

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Th\_ r\_p\_rt s\_ys th\_t \_n th\_ p\_st y\_\_r, 93 c\_\_ntr\_s h\_v\_ b\_c\_m\_ m\_r\_ p\_\_c\_f\_l, wh\_l\_ 68 h\_v\_ g\_t m\_r\_ v\_l\_nt. R\_s\_rch\_rs m\_s\_r\_d m\_ny th\_ngs t\_ w\_rk \_\_t th\_ l\_v\_l \_f p\_\_c\_ \_n \_\_ch c\_\_ntry. Th\_y m\_\_s\_r\_d th\_ m\_rd\_r r\_t\_, h\_w \_\_sy \_t w\_s t\_ g\_t w\_\_p\_ns, t\_rr\_r\_sm \_\_nd t\_rr\_r \_tt\_cks, \_\_nd th\_ n\_mb\_r \_\_f s\_ld\_\_rs \_r p\_l\_c\_ \_\_ch c\_\_ntry h\_d. Th\_ \_\_P s\_\_d Syr\_\_ \_s th\_ l\_\_st p\_\_c\_f\_l c\_\_ntry \_\_n th\_ w\_rld. Syr\_\_ h\_s n\_w b\_\_n b\_tt\_m \_f th\_ l\_st f\_r f\_v\_ y\_\_rs \_n \_\_r\_w. Th\_ n\_xt f\_\_r m\_st v\_\_l\_nt c\_\_ntr\_s \_\_r\_ \_fgh\_n\_st\_n, \_\_r\_q, S\_\_th S\_d\_n \_\_nd Y\_m\_n. Th\_ ch\_\_rm\_n \_f th\_ \_\_P w\_rn\_d th\_t: "Th\_ w\_rld \_s st\_ll [st\_ck] w\_th c\_nfl\_ct \_\_n th\_ M\_ddl\_ \_\_st, p\_l\_t\_c\_l t\_rm\_l \_\_n th\_ \_S, r\_f\_g\_\_ fl\_ws, \_\_nd t\_rr\_r\_sm \_\_n

#### PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a new report says the world is slightly more peaceful than it was a year ago the report was made by an organization called the institute for economics and peace (iep) the iep has reported on world peace for the past 10 years every year it publishes a document called the global peace index (gpi) this index ranks 163 countries and territories on their level of peacefulness it also offers advice on how to develop peaceful societies the latest report found that the world became 028% more peaceful over the past year iceland is the most peaceful country in the world it has been number one on the gpi since 2008 the next four most peaceful countries are new zealand portugal austria and denmark

the report says that in the past year 93 countries have become more peaceful while 68 have got more violent researchers measured many things to work out the level of peace in each country they measured the murder rate how easy it was to get weapons terrorism and terror attacks and the number of soldiers or police each country had the iep said syria is the least peaceful country in the world syria has now been bottom of the list for five years in a row the next four most violent countries are afghanistan iraq south sudan and yemen the chairman of the iep warned that "the world is still [stuck] with conflict in the middle east political turmoil in the us refugee flows and terrorism in europe"

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## FREE WRITING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170603-world-peace.html

Write about **world peace** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

### ACADEMIC WRITING

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Write about three things countries can do for world peace. Will countries do these things? Why / Why not?

### 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. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. WORLD PEACE:** Make a poster about how we can make the world more peaceful. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. U.N. POWER:** Write a magazine article about the United Nations having power to change governments to bring world peace. 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 world peace. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can make the world more peaceful. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

#### ANSWERS

#### TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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#### SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- 1. slightly
- 2. publishes
- 3. ranks
- 4. advice
- 5. number one
- 6. work out
- 7. in a row
- 8. warned
- 9. conflict
- 10. turmoil

- a. a little
- b. issues
- c. orders
- d. guidelines
- e. first
- f. calculate
- g. running
- h. cautioned
- i. war
- j. trouble

#### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)**

- 1. Institute for Economics and Peace
- 2. 10 years
- 3. 163
- 4. Advice
- 5. 2008
- 6. 68
- 7. The murder rate
- 8. Five years
- 9. Conflict
- 10. Political turmoil

#### MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

#### ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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