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China overtakes USA for most diplomatic posts

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THE ARTICLE

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China is now the country with the most diplomatic posts around the world. Diplomatic posts are embassies, consulates, high commissions and other places to represent a country overseas. China overtook the USA as the country with the most diplomatic posts. China now has 276 diplomatic posts globally, while the USA has 273. The two countries have an equal number of embassies, but China has more consulates than the U.S. China overtook the USA as the most diplomatically represented country after it opened five new embassies in the past two years. The embassies are in Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.

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Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/11/26/asia/us-china-diplomacy-lowy-intl-hnk/index.html>
<https://www.yahoo.com/news/china-overtakes-us-number-diplomatic-missions-041540880.html>
<https://globaldiplomacyindex.lowyinstitute.org/>

WARM-UPS

1. DIPLOMACY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about diplomacy. 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?

China / diplomatic / posts / embassy / overseas / globally / equal / two years / information / published / organization / influence / key / geopolitics / limbo

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

3. EMBASSIES: Students A **strongly** believe countries don't need embassies; Students B **strongly** believe they do. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. COUNTRIES: What do you know about these countries? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want To Know
China		
Burkina Faso		
Dominican Republic		
El Salvador		
Gambia		
Sao Tome and the Principe		

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

6. KEY PLAYERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest key players on the world stage at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- France
- Brazil
- India
- United Kingdom
- Japan
- Saudi Arabia
- Nigeria
- Canada

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. embassy | a. Being the same in quantity, size, degree, or value. |
| 2. consulates | b. Have a job to act or speak for someone, especially in an official capacity. |
| 3. represent | c. A country's office or building in another country's cities (outside of a capital city) in which a country gets business done. |
| 4. overseas | d. A country in which all power is held by the people and their elected representatives. |
| 5. equal | e. The building and offices of an ambassador in another country. |
| 6. overtook | f. In or to a foreign country, especially one across the sea. |
| 7. republic | g. Became greater or more successful than. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. published | h. A group of people with a particular purpose, especially a business, society, association, etc. |
| 9. organization | i. Becoming or making larger or wider. |
| 10. influence | j. An uncertain period of time where you are waiting for things to happen. |
| 11. key | k. The power to change policy or get favorable treatment from someone. |
| 12. practical | l. A strong desire to do or to achieve something. |
| 13. ambitions | m. Of great importance. |
| 14. limbo | n. Print something in a book, magazine, newspaper, journal or on the Internet. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts.html>

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

- a. China overtook the USA for the most diplomatic posts in South America. **T / F**
- b. A high commission is a diplomatic post. **T / F**
- c. China has three more diplomatic posts than the USA. **T / F**
- d. China has opened five new diplomatic posts this year. **T / F**
- e. A report was published by an organization called the Lowly Institute. **T / F**
- f. A spokeswoman said China wants to be a key player in geo-tagging. **T / F**
- g. China's diplomatic posts cannot support its economic ambitions. **T / F**
- h. A spokeswoman said U.S. diplomacy is currently in a state of limbo. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. country | a. treading water |
| 2. overseas | b. identical |
| 3. globally | c. representative |
| 4. equal | d. abroad |
| 5. opened | e. details |
| 6. information | f. nation |
| 7. spokeswoman | g. major |
| 8. influence | h. launched |
| 9. key | i. worldwide |
| 10. in limbo | j. power |

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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. other places to represent a country | a. posts globally |
| 2. China now has 276 diplomatic | b. around the world |
| 3. The two countries have an equal | c. country |
| 4. the most diplomatically represented | d. economic ambitions |
| 5. it opened five new embassies | e. overseas |
| 6. Its report is called the | f. period of limbo |
| 7. China is having more influence | g. geopolitics |
| 8. it wants to be a key player in | h. in the past two years |
| 9. the rollout of Beijing's | i. Global Diplomacy Index |
| 10. U.S. diplomacy has entered a | j. number of embassies |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts.html>

China is now the country with the most diplomatic posts around the world. Diplomatic posts are (1) _____, consulates, high commissions and other places to (2) _____ a country (3) _____. China overtook the USA as the country with the most diplomatic posts. China now has 276 diplomatic posts (4) _____, while the USA has 273. The two countries have an (5) _____ number of embassies, but China has more consulates than the U.S. China (6) _____ the USA as the most diplomatically represented country after it opened five new embassies in the (7) _____ two years. The embassies are in Burkina Faso, the Dominican (8) _____, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.

globally
past
equal
recent
embassies
represent
overtook
overseas

Information about how many diplomatic posts countries have was (9) _____ by an organization called the Lowy Institute. Its (10) _____ is called the Global Diplomacy Index. Bonnie Bley, a spokeswoman from the Lowy Institute, said the Index shows how China is having more (11) _____ around the world. She said the number of China's diplomatic posts shows it wants to be a (12) _____ player in geopolitics and the global economy. Ms Bley said: "The (13) _____ suggest that, on a (14) _____ level, China's network of overseas consulates can support the rollout of Beijing's economic (15) _____." While China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, Ms Bley said: "U.S. diplomacy has entered a period of (16) _____".

report
results
key
limbo
published
ambitions
influence
practical

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts.html>

- 1) China is now the country with the most diplomatic posts _____
 - a. abound the world
 - b. astound the world
 - c. around the world
 - d. aground the world
- 2) high commissions and other places to represent _____
 - a. a country overseas
 - b. a country over the seas
 - c. a country oversees
 - d. a country oh very seas
- 3) China now has 276 diplomatic _____
 - a. posted globally
 - b. posts global
 - c. posts globe ally
 - d. posts globally
- 4) while the USA has 273. The two countries have _____
 - a. an equal number
 - b. an equally number
 - c. an equal numeral
 - d. an equally numeral
- 5) El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome _____ Principe.
 - a. and the
 - b. end the
 - c. unto the
 - d. in the
- 6) Information about how many diplomatic posts countries _____
 - a. was have published
 - b. have was published
 - c. was have publish it
 - d. have was published
- 7) She said the number of China's diplomatic posts shows it wants to be _____
 - a. achy player
 - b. ache key player
 - c. ache e-player
 - d. a key player
- 8) Ms Bley said: "The results _____"
 - a. suggestive that
 - b. suggestion that
 - c. suggest that
 - d. suggesting that
- 9) While China is expanding its _____
 - a. diplomatic pretense
 - b. diplomatic presents
 - c. diplomatic presence
 - d. diplomatic present
- 10) Ms Bley said: "U.S. diplomacy has entered a _____"
 - a. periodical of limbo
 - b. periods of limbo
 - c. period off limbo
 - d. period of limbo

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts.html>

1. How many examples of diplomatic posts did the article give?
2. Where do diplomatic posts represent a country?
3. How many diplomatic posts does China have?
4. What do China and the USA have an equal number of?
5. How many diplomatic posts has China opened in the past two years?
6. What is the name of the Lowy Institute report?
7. What did the Lowy Institute say China is having more of worldwide?
8. What does China want to be in geopolitics and the global economy?
9. What is the rollout of China's diplomatic posts supporting?
10. What period did a spokeswoman say US diplomacy has entered?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts.html>

- 1) How many examples of diplomatic posts did the article give?
 - a) 6
 - b) 5
 - c) 4
 - d) 3
- 2) Where do diplomatic posts represent a country?
 - a) in the countryside
 - b) overseas
 - c) in business
 - d) domestically
- 3) How many diplomatic posts does China have?
 - a) 237
 - b) 273
 - c) 276
 - d) 267
- 4) What do China and the USA have an equal number of?
 - a) embassies
 - b) consulates
 - c) missions
 - d) high commissions
- 5) How many diplomatic posts has China opened in the past two years?
 - a) 2
 - b) 7
 - c) 5
 - d) 11
- 6) What is the name of the Lowy Institute report?
 - a) Diplomacy Worldwide
 - b) Global Diplomacy Index
 - c) Global Index Diplomacy
 - d) Index of Global Diplomacy
- 7) What did the Lowy Institute say China is having more of worldwide?
 - a) money
 - b) raw materials
 - c) friends
 - d) influence
- 8) What does China want to be in geopolitics and the global economy?
 - a) a key player
 - b) a defender
 - c) a safeguard
 - d) a peacemaker
- 9) What is the rollout of China's diplomatic posts supporting?
 - a) the world
 - b) lower carbon emissions
 - c) economic ambitions
 - d) the economy
- 10) What period did a spokeswoman say US diplomacy has entered?
 - a) a long period
 - b) a period of limbo
 - c) an interesting period
 - d) the third quarter

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Japan

You think Japan is the most important global key player. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries aren't as key. Also, tell the others which is the least influential of these (and why): India, Saudi Arabia or the United Kingdom.

Role B – India

You think India is the most important global key player. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries aren't as key. Also, tell the others which is the least influential of these (and why): Japan, Saudi Arabia or the United Kingdom.

Role C – Saudi Arabia

You think Saudi Arabia is the most important global key player. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries aren't as key. Also, tell the others which is the least influential of these (and why): India, Japan or the United Kingdom.

Role D – United Kingdom

You think the United Kingdom is the most important global key player. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries aren't as key. Also, tell the others which is the least influential of these (and why): India, Saudi Arabia or Japan.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts.html>

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

diplomatic	post

- 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">• high• 273• equal• past• opened• recent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• published• report• influence• key• level• period
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DIPLOMACY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about diplomacy 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.

DIPLOMACY 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 'diplomatic'?
3. Have you ever been to an embassy?
4. Would you like to be a diplomat?
5. What are the differences between embassies and consulates?
6. Why does China have so many embassies?
7. What do you know about China?
8. How important is diplomacy?
9. How diplomatic are you?
10. Where would you like to work overseas?

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DIPLOMACY 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 'embassy'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do diplomats do?
15. What do you need to be a good diplomat?
16. How much influence does your country have in the world?
17. What do you think China's economic ambitions are?
18. What relations does China have with your country?
19. Why is U.S. diplomacy "in limbo"?
20. What questions would you like to ask a Chinese ambassador?

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) around | (b) aground | (c) astound | (d) abound |
| 2. | (a) low | (b) mid | (c) high | (d) bottom |
| 3. | (a) oversees | (b) overs | (c) overseas | (d) over scenes |
| 4. | (a) equalizer | (b) equality | (c) equals | (d) equal |
| 5. | (a) after | (b) following | (c) past | (d) then |
| 6. | (a) Democrat | (b) Republic | (c) Kingdom | (d) Sultanate |
| 7. | (a) been | (b) be | (c) were | (d) was |
| 8. | (a) what | (b) how | (c) which | (d) when |
| 9. | (a) quay | (b) cue | (c) key | (d) queue |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) if | (c) by | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) by | (c) on | (d) of |
| 12. | (a) that | (b) a | (c) this | (d) all |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Diplomatic posts are embassies, consulates
2. represent a country as envoys
3. 276 diplomatic posts abroad
4. have an accredited number
5. diplomatically represent
6. the Dominican Republic

Paragraph 2

7. having more embassies around the world
8. a key player in international
9. on a global level
10. Beijing's economic importance
11. expanding its diplomatic presence
12. a period of growth

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () globally, while the USA has 273. The two countries have an equal number of embassies, but China has more consulates
- (**1**) China is now the country with the most diplomatic posts around the world. Diplomatic posts are
- () called the Lowy Institute. Its report is called the Global Diplomacy Index. Bonnie Bley, a spokeswoman
- () from the Lowy Institute, said the Index shows how China is having more influence around the world. She said the number
- () suggest that, on a practical level, China's network of overseas consulates can
- () support the rollout of Beijing's economic ambitions." While China is expanding its diplomatic
- () of China's diplomatic posts shows it wants to be a key player in geopolitics and the global economy. Ms Bley said: "The results
- () than the U.S. China overtook the USA as the most diplomatically represented country after it opened
- () Information about how many diplomatic posts countries have was published by an organization
- () Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.
- () presence around the world, Ms Bley said: "U.S. diplomacy has entered a period of limbo".
- () the USA as the country with the most diplomatic posts. China now has 276 diplomatic posts
- () five new embassies in the past two years. The embassies are in Burkina Faso, the Dominican
- () embassies, consulates, high commissions and other places to represent a country overseas. China overtook

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. diplomatic The the country posts . with most
2. a Other overseas . country represent places to
3. now China posts has diplomatic globally . 276
4. has the than consulates more China U.S.
5. past the new two years . embassies Five in
6. about posts diplomatic how many have . Information countries
7. more is world . China influence around having the
8. to a It player . wants key be
9. of Beijing's economic the Support rollout ambitions .
10. has period a entered limbo . diplomacy U.S. of

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts.html>

China is now the country with the *most / must* diplomatic posts around the world. Diplomatic posts are embassies, consulates, *high / low* commissions and other places to *present / represent* a country overseas. China overtook the USA as the country with the most *diplomacy / diplomatic* posts. China now has 276 diplomatic posts *globally / globe*, while the USA has 273. The two countries have an *equality / equal* number of embassies, but China has more consulates than the U.S. China *undertook / overtook* the USA as the most diplomatically represented country *after / following* it opened five new embassies in the *past / parsed* two years. The embassies are in Burkina Faso, the Dominican *Republic / Republican*, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.

Information about how *much / many* diplomatic posts countries have was published *by / of* an organization called the Lowy Institute. Its report is *called / calling* the Global Diplomacy Index. Bonnie Bley, a spokeswoman from the Lowy Institute, said the Index *appears / shows* how China is having more *influence / influential* around the world. She said the number of China's diplomatic posts shows it wants to be a *lock / key* player in geopolitics and the global economy. Ms Bley said: "The *grades / results* suggest that, on a *practical / practice* level, China's network of overseas consulates can support the *burnout / rollout* of Beijing's economic ambitions." While China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, Ms Bley said: "U.S. diplomacy has entered a period of *lumber / limbo*".

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191129-diplomatic-posts.html>

china is now the country with the most diplomatic posts around the world diplomatic posts are embassies consulates high commissions and other places to represent a country overseas china overtook the usa as the country with the most diplomatic posts china now has 276 diplomatic posts globally while the usa has 273 the two countries have an equal number of embassies but china has more consulates than the us china overtook the usa as the most diplomatically represented country after it opened five new embassies in the past two years the embassies are in burkina faso the dominican republic el salvador the gambia and sao tome and the principe information about how many diplomatic posts countries have was published by an organization called the lowy institute its report is called the global diplomacy index bonnie bley a spokeswoman from the lowy institute said the index shows how china is having more influence around the world she said the number of chinas diplomatic posts shows it wants to be a key player in geopolitics and the global economy ms bley said the results suggest that on a practical level chinas network of overseas consulates can support the rollout of Beijings economic ambitions while china is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world ms bley said us diplomacy has entered a period of limbo.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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China is now the country with the most diplomatic posts around the world. Diplomatic posts are embassies, consulates, high commissions and other places to represent a country overseas. China overtook the USA as the country with the most diplomatic posts. China now has 276 diplomatic posts globally, while the USA has 273. The two countries have an equal number of embassies, but China has more consulates than the U.S. China overtook the USA as the most diplomatically represented country after it opened five new embassies in the past two years. The embassies are in Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe. Information about how many diplomatic posts countries have was published by an organization called the Lowy Institute. Its report is called the Global Diplomacy Index. Bonnie Bley, a spokeswoman from the Lowy Institute, said the Index shows China is having more influence around the world. She said the number of China's diplomatic posts shows it wants to be a key player in geopolitics and the global economy. Ms Bley said: "The results suggest that, on a practical level, China's network of overseas consulates can support the rollout of Beijing's economic ambitions." While China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, Ms Bley said: "U.S. diplomacy has entered a period of limbo".

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. DIPLOMACY: Make a poster about diplomacy. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. EMBASSIES: Write a magazine article about the importance of embassies. Include imaginary interviews with people who think they are important and with those who think they are not important.

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 diplomacy. Ask him/her three questions about diplomacy. 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. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. n 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d F e F f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Three
2. Overseas
3. 276
4. Embassies
5. Five
6. The Global Diplomacy Index
7. Influence
8. A key player
9. Beijing's economic ambitions
10. A period of limbo

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The country with the most diplomatic posts.
2. Other places to represent a country overseas.
3. China now has 276 diplomatic posts globally.
4. China has more consulates than the U.S.
5. Five new embassies in the past two years.
6. Information about how many diplomatic posts countries have.
7. China is having more influence around the world.
8. It wants to be a key player.
9. Support the rollout of Beijing's economic ambitions.
10. U.S. diplomacy has entered a period of limbo.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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