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## Level 3

### Scientists say end of world is 30 seconds closer

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# THE ARTICLE

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The BPA's latest report said President Donald Trump's recent statements on climate change, building nuclear weapons, immigration and terrorism have added to the global risk. The BPA warned that: "The probability of global catastrophe is very high, and the actions needed to reduce the risks of disaster must be taken very soon." BPA chief Dr Rachel Bronson called on people around the world to make sure their leaders do the right things for the world. She said: "I hope the debate [created] by the 2017 setting of the Clock raises the level of conversation, promotes calls to action, and helps citizens around the world hold their leaders responsible for delivering a safer and healthier planet."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. THE WORLD TODAY:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the world today. 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?

scientists / closer / the past year / nuclear weapons / climate change / midnight / report / immigration / terrorism / catastrophe / do the right things / conversation

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

**3. SAFER:** Students A **strongly** believe the world is safer today than ever before; Students B **strongly** believe it is more dangerous. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. RISKS:** What are the risks and how can we reduce them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What are the risks?	How can we reduce them?
Global warming		
Nuclear weapons		
Terrorism		
Immigration		
World leaders		
Racism		

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

**6. DANGERS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest dangers to the world at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- world leaders
- global warming
- nuclear weapons
- racism
- terrorism
- overpopulation
- war
- viruses

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

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

- a. Scientists say the end of the world has come much closer. **T / F**
- b. The scientists are experts on nuclear weapons and climate change. **T / F**
- c. The Doomsday Clock first started in 1974. **T / F**
- d. The article said Russia and the USA tested hydrogen bombs in 1952. **T / F**
- e. The BPA said Donald Trump's statements have made the world safer. **T / F**
- f. The BPA said the chances of global catastrophe are high. **T / F**
- g. The head of the BPA asked people to make sure their leaders act. **T / F**
- h. The BPA head hopes the resetting of the clock will mean a safer planet. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. close</b>           | a. most recent  |
| <b>2. experts</b>         | b. disaster     |
| <b>3. responsible for</b> | c. following    |
| <b>4. catastrophe</b>     | d. likelihood   |
| <b>5. after</b>           | e. nearer       |
| <b>6. latest</b>          | f. lower        |
| <b>7. probability</b>     | g. discussion   |
| <b>8. reduce</b>          | h. specialists  |
| <b>9. debate</b>          | i. bringing     |
| <b>10. delivering</b>     | j. in charge of |

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

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. the end of the world has come         | a. change              |
| 2. BPA scientists are                    | b. tests               |
| 3. emerging                              | c. responsible         |
| 4. This is the closest it has been       | d. experts             |
| 5. hydrogen bomb                         | e. do the right things |
| 6. climate                               | f. a little closer     |
| 7. The probability of global catastrophe | g. of conversation     |
| 8. make sure their leaders               | h. technologies        |
| 9. raises the level                      | i. to midnight         |
| 10. hold their leaders                   | j. is very high        |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

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*moved*  
*nuclear*  
*symbolize*  
*tests*  
*past*  
*midnight*  
*hand*  
*emerging*

The BPA's latest report said President Donald Trump's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ statements on climate change, building nuclear weapons, immigration and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ have added to the global risk. The BPA warned that: "The probability of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ catastrophe is very high, and the actions needed to reduce the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of disaster must be taken very soon." BPA chief Dr Rachel Bronson called on people around the world to make sure their leaders do the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ things for the world. She said: "I hope the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ [created] by the 2017 setting of the Clock raises the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of conversation, promotes calls to action, and helps citizens around the world hold their leaders (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for delivering a safer and healthier planet."

*recent*  
*debate*  
*risks*  
*responsible*  
*global*  
*level*  
*terrorism*  
*right*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) the end of the world has come a little closer \_\_\_\_\_ year
  - a. in the past
  - b. on the past
  - c. in the paste
  - d. on a paste
- 2) the changing energy landscape, climate change, \_\_\_\_\_ technologies
  - a. and emerging
  - b. and emergency
  - c. and emerge in
  - d. and immersing
- 3) started in 1947 to symbolize how close the world \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is to catastrophic
  - b. is to catastrophes
  - c. is to catastrophe
  - d. is to catastrophically
- 4) The BPA has just moved the clock's minute hand from three \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. minutes two midnight
  - b. minutes too midnight
  - c. minutes to midnight
  - d. minutes through midnight
- 5) the minute hand was moved to two minutes to midnight after hydrogen \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. bomb test
  - b. bomb testers
  - c. bomb tested
  - d. bomb tests
- 6) building nuclear weapons, immigration and terrorism have added \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to the globally risk
  - b. to the global risks
  - c. to the globalism risks
  - d. to the global risk
- 7) the actions needed to reduce the risks of disaster must be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. take in very soon
  - b. takes very soon
  - c. taken very soon
  - d. takes in very soon
- 8) Bronson called on people around the world to make sure their leaders \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. do the rights things
  - b. do the right things
  - c. do the righted things
  - d. do the righting things
- 9) debate created by the 2017 setting of the Clock raises the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. level of consternation
  - b. level of contribution
  - c. level of conservation
  - d. level of conversation
- 10) hold their leaders responsible for delivering a safer and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. healthier planetary
  - b. healthier planet
  - c. healthier planetarium
  - d. healthier plan it

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

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The BPA's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ President Donald Trump's recent statements on climate change, building nuclear weapons, immigration and terrorism (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the global risk. The BPA warned that: "The probability of global catastrophe is very high, and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce the risks of disaster must be taken very soon." BPA chief Dr Rachel Bronson (10) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world to make sure their leaders do the right things for the world. She said: "I hope the debate (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 2017 setting of the Clock raises the level of conversation, promotes calls to action, and helps citizens around the world hold their leaders responsible (12) \_\_\_\_\_ safer and healthier planet."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

1. What kind of changing landscape are BPA scientists experts on?
2. What is the BPA responsible for setting?
3. When was the Doomsday Clock started?
4. When was the Doomsday Clock closest to midnight?
5. What did the USA and Russia test?
6. Whose statements did the BPA say added to the global risk?
7. How high did the BPA say the probability of global catastrophe was?
8. When did the BPA say action needed to be taken to reduce risks?
9. Who is Dr Rachel Bronson?
10. Who did the BPA say people should hold responsible for a safer planet?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

- 1) What kind of changing landscape are BPA scientists experts on?
  - a) bleak
  - b) cold
  - c) energy
  - d) green
- 2) What is the BPA responsible for setting?
  - a) the Doomsday Clock
  - b) records
  - c) the scene
  - d) hair
- 3) When was the Doomsday Clock started?
  - a) 1935
  - b) 1953
  - c) 1974
  - d) 1947
- 4) When was the Doomsday Clock closest to midnight?
  - a) 1974
  - b) 1953
  - c) 1935
  - d) 1947
- 5) What did the USA and Russia test?
  - a) scientists
  - b) their people
  - c) hydrogen bombs
  - d) theories
- 6) Whose statements did the BPA say added to the global risk?
  - a) bank statements
  - b) Donald Trump's
  - c) the chief of the BPA
  - d) the head of the UN
- 7) How high did the BPA say the probability of global catastrophe was?
  - a) not so high
  - b) about 20%
  - c) 30
  - d) very high
- 8) When did the BPA say action needed to be taken to reduce risks?
  - a) in the next day or two
  - b) very soon
  - c) next year
  - d) immediately
- 9) Who is Dr Rachel Bronson?
  - a) chief of the BPA
  - b) the inventor of the Doomsday Clock
  - c) a world leader
  - d) a debate expert
- 10) Who did the BPA say people should hold responsible for a safer planet?
  - a) the U.N.
  - b) other countries
  - c) themselves
  - d) leaders

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

## **Role A – World Leaders**

You think world leaders are the biggest danger to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): global warming, terrorism or war.

## **Role B – Global Warming**

You think global warming is the biggest danger to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): world leaders, terrorism or war.

## **Role C – Terrorism**

You think terrorism is the biggest danger to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): global warming, world leaders or war.

## **Role D – War**

You think war is the biggest danger to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): global warming, terrorism or world leaders.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

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

<b>global</b>	<b>risk</b>
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- 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"><li>• little</li><li>• energy</li><li>• setting</li><li>• 1947</li><li>• 1953</li><li>• bomb</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• latest</li><li>• added</li><li>• needed</li><li>• right</li><li>• level</li><li>• safer</li></ul>
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# THE END OF THE WORLD SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the end of the world 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.

# THE END OF THE WORLD 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 'world'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. How dangerous do you think the world is?
5. What does the leader of your country do to make the world safer?
6. What do you think of countries having nuclear weapons?
7. How dangerous is climate change?
8. Do you think the world is heading for catastrophe?
9. How worried are you about the future?
10. What advice do you have for President Donald Trump?

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# THE END OF THE WORLD 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 'nuclear weapons'?
13. What are the biggest dangers to the world?
14. Will President Donald Trump make the world a safer place?
15. What would you do for the world if you were President?
16. What can we do to make terrorism go away?
17. How can social media help bring change to the world?
18. What do you want your country's leader to do for the world?
19. What can ordinary people do to make the world safer?
20. What questions would you like to ask the scientists?

# 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) passed     | (b) parsed   | (c) past      | (d) pasted   |
| 2.  | (a) on         | (b) at       | (c) by        | (d) to       |
| 3.  | (a) for        | (b) at       | (c) as        | (d) by       |
| 4.  | (a) how        | (b) what     | (c) that      | (d) when     |
| 5.  | (a) for        | (b) in       | (c) then      | (d) since    |
| 6.  | (a) as         | (b) at       | (c) on        | (d) by       |
| 7.  | (a) recent     | (b) resent   | (c) recant    | (d) recently |
| 8.  | (a) adds       | (b) add      | (c) adding    | (d) added    |
| 9.  | (a) needed     | (b) needing  | (c) needs     | (d) needy    |
| 10. | (a) of         | (b) on       | (c) from      | (d) at       |
| 11. | (a) rises      | (b) raises   | (c) arises    | (d) risen    |
| 12. | (a) delivering | (b) delivery | (c) delivered | (d) delivers |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. BPA scientists are perstex
2. elcanru weapons
3. the changing eegnyr landscape
4. how close the world is to ctehpaators
5. three minutes to mtginhdi
6. hondreyg bomb tests

## Paragraph 2

7. Donald Trump's ecnret statements
8. cmtaiel change
9. reduce the risks of irestdas
10. raises the level of rnteovnasico
11. helps sinctzie around the world
12. a safer and healthier nptale



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

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

- ( ) of global catastrophe is very high, and the actions needed to reduce the risks of disaster must be taken very
- ( ) moved to two minutes to midnight after hydrogen bomb tests by the USA and Russia.
- ( ) level of conversation, promotes calls to action, and helps citizens around the
- ( ) been to midnight (the Apocalypse) since 1953. Then, the minute hand was
- ( ) The BPA's latest report said President Donald Trump's recent statements on climate change, building nuclear
- ( ) soon." BPA chief Dr Rachel Bronson called on people around the world to make sure their leaders do the right
- ( ) weapons, immigration and terrorism have added to the global risk. The BPA warned that: "The probability
- ( **1** ) Scientists from the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (BPA) have said the end of the world has come a little
- ( ) hand from three minutes to midnight to two-and-a-half minutes to midnight. This is the closest it has
- ( ) world hold their leaders responsible for delivering a safer and healthier planet."
- ( ) 1947 to symbolize how close the world is to catastrophe. The BPA has just moved the clock's minute
- ( ) change, and emerging technologies. It is responsible for setting the Doomsday Clock, which was started in
- ( ) closer in the past year. BPA scientists are experts on nuclear weapons, disarmament, the changing energy landscape, climate
- ( ) things for the world. She said: "I hope the debate [created] by the 2017 setting of the Clock raises the

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

1. closer of has little end world a The the come .
2. for responsible is It Clock Doomsday the setting .
3. is world the close how Symbolize catastrophe to .
4. just hand moved The the BPA clock's has minute .
5. tests Russia by After the hydrogen USA bomb and .
6. and the terrorism global have risk added Immigration to .
7. The high very is catastrophe global of probability .
8. needed of to disaster reduce The the actions risks .
9. world leaders right the their the for sure do things Make .
10. for Responsible planet healthier and safer a delivering .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

Scientists from the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (BPA) have said the end of the world has *come / coming* a little closer in the *passed / past* year. BPA scientists are experts on nuclear weapons, disarmament, the changing *energy / energetic* landscape, climate change, and *emerge / emerging* technologies. It is *responsible / responsibility* for setting the Doomsday Clock, which was started in 1947 to symbolize *what / how* close the world is to catastrophe. The BPA has just moved the clock's minute *hands / hand* from three minutes to midnight *to / from* two-and-a-half minutes to midnight. This is the closest it has been to midnight (the Apocalypse) *for / since* 1953. Then, the minute hand was moved to two minutes to midnight *after / post* hydrogen bomb tests by the USA and Russia.

The BPA's latest report said President Donald Trump's *recently / recent* statements on climate change, *building / built* nuclear weapons, immigration and terrorism have *addition / added* to the global risk. The BPA warned that: "The probability *of / by* global catastrophe is very high, and the actions needed *to / for* reduce the risks of disaster must be taken very *soonish / soon*." BPA chief Dr Rachel Bronson called *in / on* people around the world to make sure their leaders do the *right / left* things for the world. She said: "I hope the debate [created] by the 2017 setting of the Clock *raises / rises* the level of conversation, promotes calls to action, and helps citizens around the world hold their leaders responsible for *deliver / delivering* a safer and healthier planet."

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170130-doomsday-clock.html>

Sc\_\_nt\_\_sts fr\_\_m th\_\_ B\_\_ll\_\_t\_\_n \_\_f th\_\_ \_\_t\_\_m\_\_c Sc\_\_nt\_\_sts  
(BP\_\_) h\_\_v\_\_s\_\_d th\_\_ \_\_nd \_\_f th\_\_ w\_\_rld h\_\_s c\_\_m\_\_ \_\_l\_\_ttl\_\_  
cl\_\_s\_\_r\_\_n th\_\_ p\_\_st\_\_y\_\_r. BP\_\_ sc\_\_nt\_\_sts \_\_r\_\_ \_\_xp\_\_rts \_\_n  
n\_\_cl\_\_r w\_\_p\_\_ns, d\_\_s\_\_rm\_\_m\_\_nt, th\_\_ ch\_\_ng\_\_ng \_\_n\_\_rgy  
l\_\_ndsc\_\_p\_\_, cl\_\_m\_\_t\_\_ ch\_\_ng\_\_, \_\_nd \_\_m\_\_rg\_\_ng  
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m\_\_dn\_\_ght. Th\_\_s \_\_s th\_\_ cl\_\_s\_\_st\_\_ t\_\_h\_\_s b\_\_n\_\_t\_\_ m\_\_dn\_\_ght  
(th\_\_ \_\_p\_\_c\_\_lyps\_\_) s\_\_nc\_\_ 1953. Th\_\_n, th\_\_ m\_\_n\_\_t\_\_ h\_\_nd  
w\_\_s m\_\_v\_\_d t\_\_ tw\_\_ m\_\_n\_\_t\_\_s t\_\_ m\_\_dn\_\_ght \_\_ft\_\_r hydr\_\_g\_\_n  
b\_\_mb\_\_t\_\_sts by th\_\_ \_\_S\_\_ \_\_nd R\_\_ss\_\_.

Th\_\_ BP\_\_'s l\_\_t\_\_st r\_\_p\_\_rt s\_\_d Pr\_\_s\_\_d\_\_nt D\_\_n\_\_ld Tr\_\_mp's  
r\_\_c\_\_nt st\_\_t\_\_m\_\_nts \_\_n cl\_\_m\_\_t\_\_ ch\_\_ng\_\_, b\_\_ld\_\_ng  
n\_\_cl\_\_r w\_\_p\_\_ns, \_\_mm\_\_gr\_\_t\_\_n \_\_nd t\_\_rr\_\_r\_\_sm h\_\_v\_\_  
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c\_\_ll\_\_d \_\_n p\_\_pl\_\_ \_\_r\_\_nd th\_\_ w\_\_rld t\_\_ m\_\_k\_\_s\_\_r\_\_ th\_\_r\_\_  
l\_\_d\_\_rs d\_\_ th\_\_ r\_\_ght th\_\_ngs \_\_f\_\_r th\_\_ w\_\_rld. Sh\_\_s\_\_d: "  
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Cl\_\_ck r\_\_s\_\_s th\_\_ l\_\_v\_\_l \_\_f c\_\_nv\_\_rs\_\_t\_\_n, pr\_\_m\_\_t\_\_s c\_\_lls  
t\_\_ \_\_ct\_\_n, \_\_nd h\_\_lps c\_\_t\_\_z\_\_ns \_\_r\_\_nd th\_\_ w\_\_rld h\_\_ld  
th\_\_r l\_\_d\_\_rs r\_\_sp\_\_ns\_\_bl\_\_ \_\_f\_\_r d\_\_l\_\_v\_\_r\_\_ng \_\_s\_\_f\_\_r \_\_nd  
h\_\_lth\_\_r pl\_\_n\_\_t."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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. THE WORLD TODAY:** Make a poster about the world today. What are the risks the world faces? Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. GLOBAL SAFETY:** Write a magazine article about how safe or dangerous the world is today. Include imaginary interviews with people who think it is very safe and with people who think it is very dangerous.

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 global security. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make the world a safer place. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. close           | a. nearer       |
| 2. experts         | b. specialists  |
| 3. responsible for | c. in charge of |
| 4. catastrophe     | d. disaster     |
| 5. after           | e. following    |
| 6. latest          | f. most recent  |
| 7. probability     | g. likelihood   |
| 8. reduce          | h. lower        |
| 9. debate          | i. discussion   |
| 10. delivering     | j. bringing     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Energy
2. The Doomsday Clock
3. 1947
4. 1953
5. Hydrogen bombs
6. President Donald Trump's
7. Very high
8. Very soon
9. Chief of the BPA
10. Their leaders

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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