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## Level 2

### China and Russia lead race to make hypersonic missiles

29th March, 2018

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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The USA is worried about China and Russia developing hypersonic missiles. These can travel up to twenty times the speed of sound. A top U.S. military official said China and Russia having hypersonic missiles could be a security problem for the USA. General John Hyten warned that the USA could not stop Russia or China using these missiles against it. He said the USA needed small nuclear weapons to stop anyone attacking the USA. President Donald Trump plans to "get together in the not-too-distant future" with Russian President Vladimir Putin to talk about the arms race.

Russia successfully tested a hypersonic missile this month. China tested its missiles last year. It will soon have its weapons ready for use. President Putin said Russia needed the weapons because of actions other countries have taken against it. He said "unlawful sanctions" have hurt Russia's development. He added: "You have failed to contain Russia." Mr Putin says the missiles can fly anywhere in the world and "strike like a fireball". Tensions increased this week after the UK and USA expelled Russian diplomats because of the poisoning of a Russian spy in England.

Sources: <https://www.cnbc.com/2018/03/20/china-and-russia-aggressively-are-pursuing-hypersonic-weapons-general.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. The USA is worried                  | a. distant future  |
| 2. travel up to twenty times the speed | b. about China     |
| 3. A top U.S. military                 | c. race            |
| 4. could be a security problem         | d. official        |
| 5. the USA could                       | e. the USA         |
| 6. stop anyone attacking               | f. not stop Russia |
| 7. in the not-too-                     | g. of sound        |
| 8. talk about the arms                 | h. for the USA     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. China tested its missiles     | a. diplomats           |
| 2. It will soon have its weapons | b. contain Russia      |
| 3. You have failed to            | c. ready for use       |
| 4. the missiles can fly anywhere | d. of a Russian spy    |
| 5. strike like a                 | e. increased this week |
| 6. Tensions                      | f. last year           |
| 7. Russian                       | g. fireball            |
| 8. the poisoning                 | h. in the world        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MISSILES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180329-hypersonic-missiles-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Missiles 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) \_\_\_\_\_

