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US general says invasion of Ukraine would be 'horrific'

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THE ARTICLE

Amid growing tensions on the Russia-Ukraine border, a top US general has warned of "horrific" consequences of any armed conflict. General Mark Milley warned that any Russian action would result in a significant number of deaths. He said: "An invasion will not be cost-free in terms of casualties." General Milley told reporters that Russia's 100,000 troops on Ukraine's border was very worrying. He said: "This is larger in scale and scope in the massing of forces than anything we have seen in recent memory, and I think you'd have to go back quite a while into the Cold War days to see something of this magnitude." Russia says it has no plans to invade and says US support for Ukraine is the biggest threat.

Russia has accused the USA and NATO of being the aggressors in the latest tensions. It says it is unacceptable for US and NATO forces to be so close to Russia's borders. Moscow also called for Ukraine to be banned from joining NATO. The US said this request was untenable. NATO said Ukraine had the right to choose its own allies. Russia said NATO should end any military activity in Eastern Europe, and pull troops out of Poland and the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In addition, it called for NATO not to deploy missiles in countries near or bordering Russia. Ukraine's President Zelensky has accused the West of creating "panic" over a possible invasion.

WARM-UPS

1. UKRAINE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Ukraine. 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?

> tensions / border / general / armed conflict / invasion / worrying / memory / Cold War
> NATO / allies / military activity / Eastern Europe / missiles / Latvia / the West / panic

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

3. NATO: Students A **strongly** believe NATO is a threat to Russia; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NATO STATES: What is the history between Russia and the following NATO states? What are relations like now? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	History	**Relationship Today**
Poland		
Latvia		
Estonia		
USA		
UK		
Turkey		

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

6. CONFLICTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most dangerous (possible) conflicts at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Ukraine
- Syria
- India-Pakistan
- Israel-Palestine

- Iraq
- Yemen
- Somalia
- War on drugs

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	amid	a.	The great size or extent of something.
2.	consequences	b.	Involving the use of weapons.
3.	armed	c.	People killed or injured in a war or accident.
4.	significant	d.	In the middle of.
5.	casualties	e.	The extent of the area or subject matter that something deals with.
6.	scope	f.	Results or effects, typically ones that are unwelcome or unpleasant.
7.	magnitude	g.	Sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy.

Paragraph 2

8.	accused	h.	Not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection.
9.	aggressor	i.	A person or country that attacks another first.
10.	forces	j.	Move troops or equipment into position for military action.
11.	untenable	k.	Say that someone has done something wrong.
12.	ally	l.	A country formally cooperating with another for a military or other purpose.
13.	state	m.	Organized bodies of military personnel or police.
14.	deploy	n.	A nation or territory under one government.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1.   The USA's most important general commented on Ukraine.   **T / F**

2.   An American general said a conflict would create significant casualties.   **T / F**

3.   The American general said the Cold War has returned.   **T / F**

4.   Russia said the USA's support for Ukraine was the biggest threat.   **T / F**

5.   Russia wants Ukraine to be barred from joining NATO.   **T / F**

6.   NATO said Ukraine shouldn't be able to choose its own allies.   **T / F**

7.   Russia wants NATO troops out of the Baltic states.   **T / F**

8.   Ukraine's president said the West was creating panic.   **T / F**

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

1.	**tensions**	a.	clash
2.	**conflict**	b.	soldiers
3.	**casualties**	c.	blamed
4.	**massing**	d.	barred
5.	**magnitude**	e.	victims
6.	**accused**	f.	strained relations
7.	**banned**	g.	indefensible
8.	**untenable**	h.	assembling
9.	**troops**	i.	position
10.	**deploy**	j.	size

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

1.	Amid growing	a.	consequences
2.	warned of horrific	b.	missiles
3.	result in a significant	c.	and scope
4.	This is larger in scale	d.	forces to be so close
5.	see something of this	e.	tensions
6.	unacceptable for US and NATO	f.	untenable
7.	called for Ukraine to be banned	g.	out of Poland
8.	The US said this request was	h.	number of deaths
9.	pull troops	i.	magnitude
10.	deploy	j.	from joining NATO

GAP FILL

Amid growing tensions on the Russia-Ukraine border, a top US general has (1) _____ of "horrific" consequences of any armed conflict. General Mark Milley warned that any Russian action would result in a (2) _____ number of deaths. He said: "An invasion will not be cost-free in terms of (3) _____." General Milley told reporters that Russia's 100,000 (4) _____ on Ukraine's border was very worrying. He said: "This is larger in scale and (5) _____ in the massing of forces than anything we have seen in (6) _____ memory, and I think you'd have to go back quite a while into the Cold War days to see something of this (7) _____." Russia says it has no plans to invade and says US support for Ukraine is the biggest (8) _____.

scope

warned

recent

threat

casualties

magnitude

significant

troops

Russia has (9) _____ the USA and NATO of being the aggressors in the latest tensions. It says it is unacceptable for US and NATO (10) _____ to be so close to Russia's borders. Moscow also called for Ukraine to be (11) _____ from joining NATO. The US said this request was untenable. NATO said Ukraine had the right to choose its own (12) _____. Russia said NATO should end any military activity in Eastern Europe, and (13) _____ troops out of Poland and the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In addition, it called for NATO not to (14) _____ missiles in countries near or bordering Russia. Ukraine's President Zelensky has accused the West of creating "(15) _____" over a possible (16) _____.

banned

deploy

allies

accused

panic

forces

invasion

pull

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1) a top US general has warned of "horrific" consequences of _____
   a. any harmed conflict
   b. any yarned conflict
   c. any armed conflict
   d. any aimed conflict

2) Mark Milley warned that any Russian action would result in a significant _____
   a. numbers of deaths
   b. number of deaths
   c. numeral of deaths
   d. numb bar of deaths

3) He said: "An invasion will not be cost-free in _____."
   a. teams of casualties
   b. terns of casualties
   c. interns of casualties
   d. terms of casualties

4) larger in scale and scope in the massing of forces than anything we have seen _____
   a. in recent memory
   b. in recently memories
   c. on recent memory
   d. in recent memorial

5) it has no plans to invade and says US support for Ukraine is _____
   a. the biggest treat
   b. the biggest thread
   c. the biggest threat
   d. the biggest tread

6) Russia has accused the USA and NATO of being the aggressors in _____
   a. the latent tensions
   b. the latest tensions
   c. the lay test tensions
   d. the late test tensions

7) Moscow also called for Ukraine to be _____
   a. binned from joining
   b. boned from joining
   c. bend from joining
   d. banned from joining

8) The US said this _____
   a. request was untenable
   b. request was undeniable
   c. request was sun tan able
   d. request was sentient able

9) In addition, it called for NATO not _____
   a. to deep ploy missiles
   b. to deep lay missiles
   c. to deploy missiles
   d. to dip ploy missiles

10) Zelensky has accused the West of creating "panic" over _____
   a. a possible invasion
   b. a possible inversion
   c. a possible envision
   d. a possible invasive

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

Amid (1) _____ the Russia-Ukraine border, a top US general has warned of "horrific" consequences of any armed conflict. General Mark Milley warned that any Russian (2) _____ in a significant number of deaths. He said: "An invasion will not be cost-free in (3) _____." General Milley told reporters that Russia's 100,000 troops on Ukraine's border was very worrying. He said: "This is larger in (4) _____ in the massing of forces than anything we have seen in recent memory, and I think you'd have to go back quite a while into the Cold War days to see something (5) _____." Russia says it has no plans to invade and says US support for Ukraine is (6) _____

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the US general's name?

2. What did the general say would not be "cost-free"?

3. How many troops did the general say are on the border?

4. When was the last time we saw such a buildup of troops?

5. What did Russia say was the biggest threat?

6. What does Russia want Ukraine to be banned from joining?

7. What did NATO say Ukraine had a right to choose?

8. Where does Russia want NATO to stop military activity?

9. What does Russia not want to be deployed near its borders?

10. Who did Ukraine's president say was creating panic?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) What is the US general's name?
a) Mark O'Malley
b) Mark Milley
c) Mike Milley
d) Mike O'Malley

2) What did the general say would not be "cost-free"?
a) threats
b) missiles
c) an invasion
d) borders

3) How many troops did the general say are on the border?
a) 120,000
b) 110,000
c) 150,000
d) 100,000

4) When was the last time we saw such a build-up of troops?
a) 2018
b) during the Cold War
c) World War II
d) last year

5) What did Russia say was the biggest threat?
a) US support for Ukraine
b) climate change
c) cybercrime
d) space wars

6) What does Russia want Ukraine to be banned from joining?
a) NATO
b) the UN
c) the Eastern Bloc
d) ASEAN

7) What did NATO say Ukraine had a right to choose?
a) its own language
b) its own flag
c) self-determination
d) its own allies

8) Where does Russia want NATO to stop military activity?
a) the Caucasus
b) Western Europe
c) Eastern Europe
d) the Mediterranean

9) What does Russia not want to be deployed near its borders?
a) satellites
b) data centres
c) warehouses
d) missiles

10) Who did Ukraine's president say was creating panic?
a) the South
b) the West
c) the North
d) the East

ROLE PLAY

Role A – Ukraine

You think Ukraine is the world's most worrying situation. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their situation isn't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): war on drugs, Yemen or India-Pakistan relations.

Role B – War on Drugs

You think the war on drugs is the world's most worrying situation. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their situation isn't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): Ukraine, Yemen or India-Pakistan relations.

Role C – Yemen

You think Yemen is the world's most worrying situation. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their situation isn't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): war on drugs, Ukraine or India-Pakistan relations.

Role D – India-Pakistan

You think India-Pakistan relations is the world's most worrying situation. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their situation isn't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): war on drugs, Yemen or Ukraine.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

invasion	horrific

- 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:

• amid	• latest
• armed	• close
• number	• request
• reporters	• end
• larger	• pull
• plans	• addition

UKRAINE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Ukraine 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.

UKRAINE 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 'invasion'?

3. What do you know about Ukraine?

4. What do you know about the current tensions?

5. How likely do you think war is?

6. How serious might a possible war be?

7. Why are so many troops on Ukraine's border?

8. What do you know about the Cold War?

9. Is the US support for Ukraine the biggest threat?

10. What advice do you have for Russia and the USA?

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UKRAINE 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 'horrific'?

13. What do you think about what you read?

14. What would happen if Russia gave military aid to the USA's neighbours?

15. Why does Russia think the USA and NATO are aggressors?

16. Should Ukraine be banned from joining NATO?

17. What do you know about NATO?

18. What three adjectives best describe this story?

19. How do you think this situation will develop?

20. What questions would you like to ask Ukraine's president?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

Amid growing (1) _____ on the Russia-Ukraine border, a top US general has warned of "horrific" consequences of any armed conflict. General Mark Milley warned that any Russian action would result (2) _____ a significant number of deaths. He said: "An invasion will not be cost-free in (3) _____ of casualties." General Milley told reporters that Russia's 100,000 troops on Ukraine's border was very worrying. He said: "This is larger (4) _____ scale and scope in the massing of forces than anything we have seen in recent (5) _____, and I think you'd have to go back quite a while into the Cold War days to see something of this magnitude." Russia says it has no plans (6) _____ invade and says US support for Ukraine is the biggest threat.

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

1.	(a)	tenses	(b)	tensions	(c)	tense	(d)	tensile
2.	(a)	at	(b)	in	(c)	of	(d)	to
3.	(a)	teams	(b)	tomes	(c)	trams	(d)	terms
4.	(a)	at	(b)	in	(c)	of	(d)	to
5.	(a)	fact	(b)	memory	(c)	knowing	(d)	nostalgia
6.	(a)	for	(b)	at	(c)	to	(d)	by
7.	(a)	aggro	(b)	aggression	(c)	aggressors	(d)	aggress
8.	(a)	asserts	(b)	coerces	(c)	forces	(d)	amasses
9.	(a)	swinging	(b)	standby	(c)	decline	(d)	untenable
10.	(a)	pull	(b)	shuttle	(c)	aid	(d)	run
11.	(a)	deploy	(b)	ploy	(c)	employ	(d)	reemploy
12.	(a)	abut	(b)	abet	(c)	over	(d)	under

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. warned of horrific <u>qnsconeucees</u>

2. a <u>igisinacfnt</u> number of deaths

3. in terms of <u>tiusalceas</u>

4. larger in scale and <u>oecps</u>

5. see something of this <u>dateuigmn</u>

6. it has no plans to <u>ievand</u>

Paragraph 2

7. Russia has <u>ucseacd</u> the USA and NATO

8. the <u>rsoagssreg</u> in the latest tensions

9. The US said this request was <u>nlunbtaee</u>

10. the right to choose its own <u>lalsie</u>

11. <u>odelyp</u> missiles

12. creating "panic" over a possible <u>isvionan</u>

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

(   ) scale and scope in the massing of forces than anything we have seen in recent

(   ) of Poland and the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In addition, it called

(   ) magnitude." Russia says it has no plans to invade and says US support for Ukraine is the biggest threat.

(*1*) Amid growing tensions on the Russia-Ukraine border, a top US general has warned of "horrific"

(   ) memory, and I think you'd have to go back quite a while into the Cold War days to see something of this

(   ) for NATO not to deploy missiles in countries near or bordering Russia. Ukraine's

(   ) NATO. The US said this request was untenable. NATO said Ukraine had the right to choose its own

(   ) consequences of any armed conflict. General Mark Milley warned that any Russian action would result

(   ) President Zelensky has accused the West of creating "panic" over a possible invasion.

(   ) for US and NATO forces to be so close to Russia's borders. Moscow also called for Ukraine to be banned from joining

(   ) reporters that Russia's 100,000 troops on Ukraine's border was very worrying. He said: "This is larger in

(   ) allies. Russia said NATO should end any military activity in Eastern Europe, and pull troops out

(   ) in a significant number of deaths. He said: "An invasion will not be cost-free in terms of casualties." General Milley told

(   ) Russia has accused the USA and NATO of being the aggressors in the latest tensions. It says it is unacceptable

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From

1. border . the tensions Russia-Ukraine Amid on growing

2. number deaths . a Result significant in of

3. cost be invasion An will not free .

4. back quite go have to a while . You'd

5. Russia invade . has it no plans to says

6. to to NATO so borders . be Russia's close

7. request this said The untenable . was US

8. NATO Russia end any said should military activity .

9. not deploy to missiles . for NATO It called

10. creating the West panic . of president The accused

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CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

Amid growing tensions *on / in* the Russia-Ukraine border, a top US general has warned of "horrific" consequences of any *arms / armed* conflict. General Mark Milley warned that any Russian action would result in a *significance / significant* number of deaths. He said: "An invasion will not be cost-free in terms *of / at* casualties." General Milley told reporters that Russia's 100,000 troops on Ukraine's border was very *worrying / worried*. He said: "This is larger in scale and *scoop / scope* in the massing of forces than anything we have seen in *recently / recent* memory, and I think you'd have to go back quite *a / the* while into the Cold War days to see something of this *magnetism / magnitude*." Russia says it has no plans to invade and says US support for Ukraine is the biggest *treat / threat*.

Russia has *accusation / accused* the USA and NATO of *being / been* the aggressors in the latest tensions. It says it is unacceptable *on / for* US and NATO forces to be so *close / closely* to Russia's borders. Moscow also called for Ukraine to be *binned / banned* from joining NATO. The US said this request was untenable. NATO said Ukraine had the right to choose its own *allied / allies*. Russia said NATO should end any military activity in Eastern Europe, and pull *troops / troop* out of Poland and the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In addition, it called for NATO not to *deploy / employ* missiles in countries near or *bordered / bordering* Russia. Ukraine's President Zelensky has accused the West of creating "panic" over a *possible / possibility* invasion.

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)

_m_d gr_w_ng t_ns__ns _n th_ R_ss__-_kr__n_ b_rd_r, _   t_p   _S   g_n_r_l   h_s   w_rn_d   _f   "h_rr_f_c" c_ns_q__nc_s _f _ny _rm_d c_nfl_ct. G_n_r_l M_rk M_ll_y w_rn_d th_t _ny R_ss__n _ct__n w__ld r_s_lt _n _   s_gn_f_c_nt   n_mb_r   _f   d__ths.   H_   s__d: "_n _nv_s__n   w_ll   n_t   b_   c_st-fr__   _n   t_rms   _f c_s__lt__s." G_n_r_l M_ll_y t_ld r_p_rt_rs th_t R_ss__'s 100,000 tr__ps _n _kr__n_'s b_rd_r w_s v_ry w_rry_ng. H_   s__d: "Th_s _s l_rg_r _n sc_l_ _nd sc_p_ _n th_ m_ss_ng _f f_rc_s th_n _nyth_ng w_ h_v_ s__n _n r_c_nt m_m_ry, _nd _ th_nk y__'d h_v_ t_ g_ b_ck q__t_   _   wh_l_   _nt_   th_   C_ld   W_r   d_ys   t_   s__ s_m_th_ng _f th_s m_gn_t_d_." R_ss__ s_ys _t h_s n_ pl_ns t_ _nv_d_ _nd s_ys _S s_pp_rt f_r _kr__n_ _s th_ b_gg_st thr__t.

R_ss__ h_s _cc_s_d th_ _S_ _nd N_T_ _f b__ng th_ _ggr_ss_rs _n th_ l_t_st t_ns__ns. _t s_ys _t _s _n_cc_pt_bl_ f_r _S _nd N_T_ f_rc_s t_ b_ s_ cl_s_ t_ R_ss__'s b_rd_rs. M_sc_w _ls_ c_ll_d f_r _kr__n_ t_ b_   b_nn_d   fr_m   j__n_ng   N_T_.   Th_   _S   s__d   th_s r_q__st w_s _nt_n_bl_. N_T_ s__d _kr__n_ h_d th_ r_ght t_ ch__s_ _ts _wn _ll__s. R_ss__ s__d N_T_ sh__ld _nd _ny m_l_t_ry _ct_v_ty _n __st_rn __r_p_, _nd p_ll tr__ps __t _f P_l_nd _nd th_ B_lt_c st_t_s _f _st_n__, L_tv__ _nd L_th__n__. _n _dd_t__n, _t c_ll_d f_r N_T_ n_t t_ d_pl_y m_ss_l_s _n c__ntr__s n__r _r b_rd_r_ng R_ss__. _kr__n_'s Pr_s_d_nt Z_l_nsky h_s _cc_s_d th_ W_st _f cr__t_ng "p_n_c" _v_r _ p_ss_bl_ _nv_s__n.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

amid growing tensions on the russiaukraine border a top us general has warned of horrific consequences of any armed conflict general mark milley warned that any russian action would result in a significant number of deaths he said an invasion will not be costfree in terms of casualties general milley told reporters that russias 100000 troops on ukraines border was very worrying he said this is larger in scale and scope in the massing of forces than anything we have seen in recent memory and i think youd have to go back quite a while into the cold war days to see something of this magnitude russia says it has no plans to invade and says us support for ukraine is the biggest threat

russia has accused the usa and nato of being the aggressors in the latest tensions it says it is unacceptable for us and nato forces to be so close to russias borders moscow also called for ukraine to be banned from joining nato the us said this request was untenable nato said ukraine had the right to choose its own allies russia said nato should end any military activity in eastern europe and pull troops out of poland and the baltic states of estonia latvia and lithuania in addition it called for nato not to deploy missiles in countries near or bordering russia ukraines president zelensky has accused the west of creating panic over a possible invasion

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

AmidgrowingtensionsontheRussia-Ukraineborder,atopUSgeneral haswarnedof"horrific"consequencesofanyarmedconflict.GeneralMa rkMilleywarnedthatanyRussianactionwouldresultinasignificantnum berofdeaths.Hesaid:"Aninvasionwillnotbecost-freeintermsofcasual ties."GeneralMilleytoldreportersthatRussia's100,000troopsonUkrai ne'sborderwasveryworrying.Hesaid:"Thisislargerinscaleandscopein themassingofforcesthananythingwehaveseeninrecentmemory,and Ithinkyou'dhavetogobackquiteawhileintotheColdWardaystoseesom ethingofthismagnitude."RussiasaysithasnoplanstoinvadeandsaysU SsupportforUkraineisthebiggestthreat.RussiahasaccusedtheUSAan dNATOofbeingtheaggressorsinthelatesttensions.Itsaysitisunaccept ableforUSandNATOforcestobesoclosetoRussia'sborders.Moscowals ocalledforUkrainetobebannedfromjoiningNATO.TheUSsaidthisrequ estwasuntenable.NATOsaidUkrainehadtherighttochooseitsownallie s.RussiasaidNATOshouldendanymilitaryactivityinEasternEurope,an dpulltroopsoutofPolandandtheBalticstatesofEstonia,LatviaandLithu ania.Inaddition,itcalledforNATOnottodeploymissilesincountriesnear orborderingRussia.Ukraine'sPresidentZelenskyhasaccusedtheWest ofcreating"panic"overapossibleinvasion.

FREE WRITING

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

ACADEMIC WRITING

NATO is a force for good. Discuss.

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

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

4. INVASION: Write a magazine article about having an emergency UN summit to prevent military conflict in Ukraine. 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 Ukraine. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to reduce current tensions. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d   2. f   3. b   4. g   5. c   6. e   7. a
8. k   9. i   10. m   11. h   12. l   13. n   14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1 F   2 T   3 F   4 T   5 T   6 F   7 T   8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Mark Milley

2. An invasion
3. 100,000
4. During the Cold War
5. US support for Ukraine
6. NATO
7. Its own allies
8. Eastern Europe

9. Missiles
10. The West

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Amid growing tensions on the Russia-Ukraine border.
2. Result in a significant number of deaths.
3. An invasion will not be cost free.
4. You'd have to go back quite a while.
5. Russia says it has no plans to invade.
6. NATO to be so close to Russia's borders.
7. The US said this request was untenable.
8. Russia said NATO should end any military activity.
9. It called for NATO not to deploy missiles.
10. The president accused the West of creating panic.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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