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Somalia wins UN Security Council seat

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THE ARTICLE

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The UN Security Council was formed in 1945 as a mechanism to maintain global peace. Its 15 members include five permanent members – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US – and 10 revolving non-permanent members. To win a seat, a nation must secure the support of at least two thirds of the UN General Assembly delegations. Somalia was elected unopposed and will serve for two years from January. It will sit alongside newly-elected Denmark, Greece, Pakistan and Panama. Somali Foreign Minister Ahmed Moallim Fiqi said: "Our tenure will be guided by our full commitment to multilateralism, and our respect of the principles of international law enshrined in the UN Charter."

Sources: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgee4j71ypqo>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Security_Council

WARM-UPS

1. SOMALIA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Somalia. 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?

Somalia / the UN / the Security Council / conflict / wars / stability / turmoil / voice / global peace / support / elected / tenure / multilateralism / principles / charter

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

3. WORLD PEACE: Students A **strongly** believe there will be world peace one day; Students B **strongly** believe there won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS: What do you know about these new Security Council non-permanent members? How can they make the world better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	Making the World Better
Somalia		
Panama		
Pakistan		
Denmark		
Greece		

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

6. UNITED NATIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important U.N. bodies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Security Council
- UNESCO
- WHO
- IMF
- WIPO
- UNICEF
- FAO
- ILO

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. ushered in | a. An organization, or a group of people working together. |
| 2. body | b. Very cruel or violent. |
| 3. descended | c. Helped someone go into a place or to start something new. |
| 4. brutal | d. A state of confusion or disorder. |
| 5. ensuing | e. Happening after something else. |
| 6. turmoil | f. Someone who fights against the government or other authority. |
| 7. insurgent | g. Reached a bad and undesirable state. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. mechanism | h. To be protected and respected, often in a special way. |
| 9. revolving | i. Not stopped or challenged by anyone. |
| 10. delegations | j. The time when someone holds a job or position. |
| 11. unopposed | k. A natural or established process by which something takes place or is brought about. |
| 12. tenure | l. Different people, groups or countries taking turns to do something. |
| 13. commitment | m. A promise to do something or support something. |
| 14. enshrined | n. Groups of people chosen to speak or act for others. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council.html>

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

1. Somalia became the eleventh non-permanent member of the UN. **T / F**
2. A vote took place at the UN in Geneva. **T / F**
3. A coalition government in 2009 brought stability. **T / F**
4. Analysts believe Somalia's past will help it to make decisions on peace. **T / F**
5. The UN was created in 1954 to maintain global peace. **T / F**
6. There are only five permanent members of UN Security Council. **T / F**
7. Somalia will serve the Security Council for the next five years. **T / F**
8. International law is set down in the UN Charter. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. elected | a. keep |
| 2. headquarters | b. gory |
| 3. ushered | c. responsibility |
| 4. bloody | d. created |
| 5. insurgents | e. main office |
| 6. formed | f. set down |
| 7. maintain | g. rebels |
| 8. delegations | h. chosen |
| 9. commitment | i. representatives |
| 10. enshrined | j. shown |

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

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. It descended into brutal | a. knees |
| 2. brought the war-torn country to its | b. the UN Charter |
| 3. coalition | c. promoting peace |
| 4. its struggles to defeat Islamist | d. delegations |
| 5. a valuable voice in | e. government |
| 6. a mechanism to maintain | f. international law |
| 7. two thirds of the UN General Assembly | g. global peace |
| 8. Somalia was elected | h. insurgents |
| 9. the principles of | i. unopposed |
| 10. enshrined in | j. and bloody conflict |

GAP FILL

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Somalia has been elected as one of the ten non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. A (1) _____ at the UN headquarters in New York on the 6th of June saw the African nation (2) _____ in to take its seat in the UN body. It is the first time for Somalia to hold such a position since the 1970s. It descended into (3) _____ and bloody conflict throughout the (4) _____ three decades. Civil and factional wars brought the war-(5) _____ country to its (6) _____. A coalition government in 2009 has since brought the return of stability. Political experts believe that Somalia's recent (7) _____, and its struggles to defeat Islamist insurgents, give it a valuable voice in promoting (8) _____ and security in the world.

torn
ushered
turmoil
ensuing
vote
brutal
peace
knees

The UN Security Council was formed in 1945 as a (9) _____ to maintain global peace. Its 15 members include five permanent members – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US – and 10 (10) _____ non-permanent members. To win a seat, a nation must secure the support of at (11) _____ two thirds of the UN General Assembly (12) _____. Somalia was elected unopposed and will serve for two years from January. It will sit (13) _____ newly-elected Denmark, Greece, Pakistan and Panama. Somali Foreign Minister Ahmed Moallim Fiqi said: "Our (14) _____ will be guided by our full commitment to multilateralism, and our (15) _____ of the principles of international law (16) _____ in the UN Charter."

least
alongside
revolving
respect
enshrined
mechanism
delegations
tenure

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council.html>

- 1) UN headquarters in New York on the 6th of June saw the African _____
 - a. nation ushered din
 - b. nation usher din
 - c. nation ushered in
 - d. nation usher dine
- 2) It descended into brutal _____
 - a. and bloody conflict
 - b. and blooded conflict
 - c. and bloods conflict
 - d. and blood conflict
- 3) Civil and factional wars brought the war-torn country _____
 - a. to its knees
 - b. to its keys
 - c. to its quays
 - d. to its needs
- 4) Political experts believe that _____
 - a. Somalia's recent term male
 - b. Somalia's recent term mole
 - c. Somalia's recent turn oil
 - d. Somalia's recent turmoil
- 5) its struggles to defeat Islamist insurgents give it _____
 - a. a valuable voices
 - b. a valuable voice
 - c. a valuable voiced
 - d. a valuable voids
- 6) The UN Security Council was formed in 1945 as a mechanism to _____
 - a. maintain globally peace
 - b. maintain globe all peace
 - c. maintain globe ball peace
 - d. maintain global peace
- 7) To win a seat, a nation must secure the support of at _____
 - a. lest two thirds
 - b. last two thirds
 - c. lost two thirds
 - d. least two thirds
- 8) It will sit alongside _____
 - a. newly-ejected Denmark
 - b. newly-effected Denmark
 - c. newly-elected Denmark
 - d. newly-elated Denmark
- 9) Our tenure will be guided by our full _____
 - a. commitment to multiculturalism
 - b. commitment to multilateralism
 - c. commitment to multilingualism
 - d. commitment to materialism
- 10) our respect of the principles of international law enshrined in _____
 - a. the UN Charter
 - b. the UN Chatter
 - c. the UN Chartist
 - d. the UN Charts

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The UN Security Council was formed in 1945 as (7) _____ maintain global peace. Its 15 members include five permanent members – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US – and (8) _____ members. To win a seat, a nation must (9) _____ of at least two thirds of the UN General Assembly delegations. Somalia (10) _____ and will serve for two years from January. It will sit alongside newly-elected Denmark, Greece, Pakistan and Panama. Somali Foreign Minister Ahmed Moallim Fiqi said: "Our tenure will (11) _____ our full commitment to multilateralism, and our respect of the principles of international (12) _____ the UN Charter."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council.html>

1. How many non-permanent members are in the UN Security Council?
2. Where is the UN HQ?
3. For how long was Somalia ravaged by civil wars and factional fighting?
4. What brought stability in 2009?
5. Who did Somalia struggle to defeat?
6. When was the UN Security Council created?
7. What proportion of delegation votes is needed to win a seat at the UN?
8. Which other countries were elected besides Somalia and Pakistan?
9. Who is Ahmed Moallim Fiqi?
10. Where are the principles of international law enshrined?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council.html>

- 1) How many non-permanent members are in the UN Security Council?
 - a) 8
 - b) 9
 - c) 10
 - d) 11
- 2) Where is the UN HQ?
 - a) New York
 - b) London
 - c) Geneva
 - d) Berlin
- 3) For how long was Somalia ravaged by civil wars and factional fighting?
 - a) three decades
 - b) years
 - c) a dozen years
 - d) 18 years
- 4) What brought stability in 2009?
 - a) UN peacekeepers
 - b) a coalition government
 - c) a better economy
 - d) a ceasefire and truce
- 5) What did Somalia struggle to defeat?
 - a) public opinion
 - b) opposition politicians
 - c) armies
 - d) Islamist insurgents
- 6) When was the UN Security Council created?
 - a) 1944
 - b) 1945
 - c) 1948
 - d) 1954
- 7) What proportion of delegation votes is needed to win a seat at the UN?
 - a) two thirds
 - b) five eighths
 - c) three quarters
 - d) nine tenths
- 8) Which other countries were elected besides Somalia and Pakistan?
 - a) Japan, Malta and Denmark
 - b) Algeria, Ecuador and Guyana
 - c) Panama, Greece and Denmark
 - d) Sierra Leone, Slovenia and Switzerland
- 9) Who is Ahmed Moallim Fiqi?
 - a) a lawyer
 - b) a peace resolution delegate
 - c) The head of the Security Council
 - d) Somalia's Foreign Minister
- 10) Where are the principles of international law enshrined?
 - a) the UN Charter
 - b) the World Lawyers' Association
 - c) everywhere
 - d) in democracies

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council.html>

Role A – Security Council

You think the Security Council is the most important U.N. body. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their body. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): UNESCO, UNICEF or WHO.

Role B – UNESCO

You think UNESCO is the most important U.N. body. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their body. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Security Council, UNICEF or WHO.

Role C – UNICEF

You think UNICEF is the most important U.N. body. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their body. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): UNESCO, Security Council or WHO.

Role D – WHO

You think the WHO is the most important U.N. body. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their body. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): UNESCO, UNICEF or Security Council.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council.html>

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

security	council
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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">• vote• first• brutal• knees• 2009• voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1945• win• serve• sit• full• law
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SOMALIA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Somalia 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.

SOMALIA 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 'security'?
3. What do you know about Somalia?
4. Has the UN Security Council done a good job?
5. What can Somalia bring to the Security Council?
6. Should the UN be more active in intervening in wars?
7. What wars have there been in your country?
8. Do you worry about war and conflict?
9. How can we end the current wars raging around the world?
10. What advice do you have for Somalia's foreign minister?

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SOMALIA 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 'seat'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about the Security Council?
15. Why are there only five permanent members of the Security Council?
16. Are the five permanent members good?
17. What do you think of multilateralism?
18. What are the most important points of international law?
19. Who causes wars?
20. What questions would you like to ask Somalia's foreign minister?

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) ejected | (b) elected | (c) elated | (d) election |
| 2. | (a) votes | (b) votive | (c) vocation | (d) vote |
| 3. | (a) pushed | (b) ushered | (c) whooshed | (d) rushed |
| 4. | (a) bony | (b) skinny | (c) bloody | (d) gutsy |
| 5. | (a) knees | (b) elbows | (c) ankles | (d) wrists |
| 6. | (a) voice | (b) shout | (c) speak | (d) talk |
| 7. | (a) engine | (b) gadget | (c) widget | (d) mechanism |
| 8. | (a) seat | (b) cushion | (c) bench | (d) chair |
| 9. | (a) sieve | (b) serve | (c) save | (d) suave |
| 10. | (a) new | (b) newish | (c) newly | (d) news |
| 11. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) by | (d) in |
| 12. | (a) a | (b) the | (c) all | (d) every |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. rsdeeu in to take its seat
2. Civil and fcoanatil wars
3. A oalitcoin government
4. Somalia's recent ulimrot
5. its struggles to defeat Islamist rnstniesug
6. give it a baluavel voice

Paragraph 2

7. a hmesinmca to maintain global peace
8. 10 lovrevnig non-permanent members
9. two thirds of the UN General Assembly eogsiltnaed
10. our full commitment to aairmislletmtul
11. the ecilrppins of international law
12. dihennsre in the UN Charter.

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () alongside newly-elected Denmark, Greece, Pakistan and Panama. Somali
- () at the UN headquarters in New York on the 6th of June saw the African nation ushered in to take its
- () a seat, a nation must secure the support of at least two thirds of the UN General Assembly
- () The UN Security Council was formed in 1945 as a mechanism to maintain global peace. Its 15 members include
- () stability. Political experts believe that Somalia's recent turmoil, and its struggles to defeat Islamist
- () seat in the UN body. It is the first time for Somalia to hold such a position since the 1970s. It descended into brutal
- () insurgents, give it a valuable voice in promoting peace and security in the world.
- (**1**) Somalia has been elected as one of the ten non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. A vote
- () five permanent members – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US – and 10 revolving non-permanent members. To win
- () torn country to its knees. A coalition government in 2009 has since brought the return of
- () delegations. Somalia was elected unopposed and will serve for two years from January. It will sit
- () and bloody conflict throughout the ensuing three decades. Civil and factional wars brought the war-
- () Foreign Minister Ahmed Moallim Fiqi said: "Our tenure will be guided by our full commitment
- () to multilateralism, and our respect of the principles of international law enshrined in the UN Charter."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council.html>

1. been elected Somalia has as of one them .
2. in its seat . UN take Ushered to
3. throughout conflict Bloody three the decades . ensuing
4. wars the to country Factional its knees . brought
5. valuable in Give a peace . it promoting voice
6. maintain to mechanism a peace . as Formed global
7. thirds . least at Secure the support of two
8. Panama . and sit Pakistan will It newly-elected alongside
9. to our commitment multilateralism . We're by full guided
10. the law of in international Charter . Principles enshrined

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council.html>

Somalia has been *elected* / *elated* as one of the ten non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. A *vote* / *voter* at the UN headquarters in New York on the 6th of June saw the African nation *vouched* / *ushered* in to take its seat in the UN *head* / *body*. It is the first time for Somalia to hold such a position since the 1970s. It *descended* / *rescinded* into brutal and bloody conflict throughout the *suing* / *ensuing* three decades. Civil and factional wars brought the war-torn country *at* / *to* its knees. A coalition government in 2009 has since brought the return *from* / *of* stability. Political experts believe *that* / *what* Somalia's recent turmoil, and its struggles to defeat Islamist insurgents, give it a valuable voice *in* / *on* promoting peace and security in the world.

The UN Security Council was formed in 1945 as a *mechanism* / *mechanic* to maintain global peace. Its 15 members include five *permanence* / *permanent* members – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US – and 10 *revolting* / *revolving* non-permanent members. To win a *seat* / *chair*, a nation must secure the support *of* / *on* at least two thirds of the UN General Assembly delegations. Somalia was elected unopposed and will serve for two years from January. It will sit *side* / *alongside* newly-elected Denmark, Greece, Pakistan and Panama. Somali Foreign Minister Ahmed Moallim Fiqi said: "Our *pasture* / *tenure* will be guided by our full *commit* / *commitment* to multilateralism, and our respect *of* / *at* the principles of international law enshrined in the UN *Chatter* / *Charter*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

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

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S_m_l__ h_s b__n _l_ct_d _s _n_ _f th_ t_n n_n-
p_rm_n_nt m_mb_rs _f th_ _n_t_d N_t__ns' S_c_r_ty
C__nc_l. _ v_t_ _t th_ _N h__dq__rt_rs _n N_w Y_rk
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th_ w_rld.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

4. LESSONS FOR PEACE: Write a magazine article about requiring all schoolchildren to take classes on world peace and peacemaking. 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 Somalia. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your thoughts on Somalia. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Ten
2. New York
3. Three decades
4. A coalition government
5. Islamist insurgents
6. 1945
7. Two thirds
8. Panama, Pakistan and Denmark
9. Somalia's Foreign Minister
10. The UN Charter

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Somalia has been elected as one of them.
2. Ushered in to take its UN seat.
3. Bloody conflict throughout the ensuing three decades.
4. Factional wars brought the country to its knees.
5. Give it a valuable voice in promoting peace.
6. Formed as a mechanism to maintain global peace.
7. Secure the support of at least two thirds.
8. It will sit alongside newly-elected Pakistan and Panama.
9. We're guided by our full commitment to multilateralism.
10. Principles of international law enshrined in the Charter.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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 ;-)