

Ukraine Crisis

1. Germany has announced it has closed the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that was due to transport natural gas from Russia to Europe. 2. It did this because of Russia's actions in Ukraine. 3. Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised two breakaway regions in eastern Ukraine as independent countries. 4. President Putin claimed the Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic were separate nations. 5. Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz said: "In light of the most recent developments, we must reassess the situation...regarding Nord Stream 2." 6. He warned that Europe faced "difficult hours," and that, "almost 80 years after the end of the Second World War, we might see a new war in Eastern Europe".

7. Nord Stream 2 is a 1,200-km-long pipeline that runs under the Baltic Sea. 8. Closing it is one of many sanctions that Western nations have made against Russia. 9. The United Kingdom announced the first of its sanctions after Mr Putin said troops could enter the two rebel-held regions of eastern Ukraine. 10. The U.K. will freeze the assets of five Russian banks and three Russian billionaires (who have also been given travel bans). 11. U.S. President Joe Biden has said the USA would announce sanctions soon. 12. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko said Russia was not planning to invade Ukraine. 13. He told reporters: "No one is planning to send anything anywhere. 14. If there is a threat, then we will provide assistance."

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline.

a) The name of the gas pipeline is the North Stream 1.	T / F
b) Russia has recognised two regions of eastern Ukraine as being republics.	T / F
c) Germany's Chancellor said there was no need to reassess the situation.	T / F
d) Germany's Chancellor said there was no chance of a war in Europe.	T / F
e) The gas pipeline is under the Baltic Sea.	T / F
f) The U.K. has imposed sanctions on some Russian billionaires.	T / F
g) Joe Biden said he has no plans for any sanctions.	T / F
h) Russia's deputy foreign minister said his country would provide help.	T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

1. announced
2. regions
3. separate
4. situation
5. war
6. sanctions
7. assets
8. invade
9. threat
10. assistance

1. anunciado
2. regiões
3. separado
4. situação
5. guerra
6. sanções
7. bens
8. invadir
9. ameaça
10. assistência

a. penalties
b. facts
c. danger
d. valuables
e. declared
f. take over
g. conflict
h. areas
i. help
j. independent

penalidades
fatos
perigo
objetos de valor
declarado
assumir
conflito
áreas
ajuda
independente

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUIZ

1) What is the name of the gas pipeline?
a) Nord Stream 1
b) Nord Stream 2
c) North Stream 2
d) North Stream 1

2) How many breakaway regions did Russia recognise?
a) 4
b) 3
c) 2
d) 1

3) What does Germany's chancellor want to reassess?
a) its defences
b) its gas needs
c) international relations
d) the situation

4) What did Germany's chancellor say Europe faced?
a) Russia
b) difficult hours
c) tough times
d) high gas prices

5) What did Germany's chancellor say might happen in Eastern Europe?
a) war
b) gas shortages
c) a refugee crisis
d) inflation

6) How long is the gas pipeline?
a) 1,200km
b) 1,300km
c) 1,400km
d) 1,500km

7) How many banks did the U.K. impose sanctions on?
a) 8
b) 7
c) 6
d) 5

8) Who said he would announce sanctions soon?
a) Vladimir Putin
b) Ukraine's president
c) Joe Biden
d) Andrei Rudenko

9) What did Russia's deputy foreign minister say Russia wouldn't do?
a) announce sanctions
b) back down
c) fight
d) invade Ukraine

10) What did Russia's deputy foreign minister say Russia would provide?
a) advice
b) assistance
c) arms
d) shelter

