

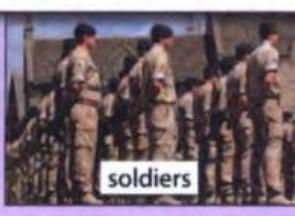
# 52) War and peace

## A War

... The bomb exploded in the city centre killing ten people and injuring many more.

... Soldiers fought a terrible gun battle, firing for two hours at enemy fighters ...

... The enemy leader managed to escape, but most of his soldiers were either killed or handed in their weapons, and the army is now in control of the situation.



### 1 Match 1–6 with a–g.

► Twelve soldiers	<u>b</u>	a managed to escape.
1 They're in control	.....	b were injured. ✓
2 Soldiers fought	.....	c explosion.
3 The planes bombed	.....	d of the city.
4 Two enemy fighters	.....	e a long battle.
5 The battle	.....	f the area around the city.
6 There was a loud	.....	g lasted several days.

### 2 Replace the underlined words with a single word that has the same meaning.

► They were <u>physically</u> hurting each other.	<u>fighting</u> .....
1 They were the <u>men</u> we fought against.	.....
2 She is the <u>one</u> who controls the group.	.....
3 It was a large <u>thing</u> that explodes.	.....
4 He's a <u>member</u> of the army.	.....
5 They found <u>bombs</u> , <u>guns</u> and <u>knives</u> .	.....
6 Where did the bomb <u>go off</u> ?	.....

### 3 Complete the dialogues.

► How many <u>soldiers</u> are in the army? ~ Over 10,000.	
1 Why did the people run away? ~ Because the army was ..... at them.	
2 How long has your brother been in the .....? ~ He's been a soldier for ten years.	
3 When did the ..... go off? ~ Early, and it was a very loud ..... .	
4 Did any of the soldiers die in the .....? ~ No, but two were badly ..... .	
5 Have they caught the enemy .....? ~ Yes. He tried to ..... , but they got him.	
6 Is the army in ..... of the situation now? ~ Yes, the ..... fighters have gone.	
7 Did the army find any .....? ~ Yes, lots of guns and explosive devices.	
8 Did the soldiers attack? ~ Yes, they ..... a short battle with enemy ..... .	



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#### GLOSSARY

<b>bomb</b>	a thing that explodes and hurts people or damages things <b>bomb</b> <i>v</i>
<b>explode</b>	burst with force and a loud noise
<b>explosion</b> <i>n</i> <b>SYN</b> <b>go off</b>	the burst of an explosion
<b>injure</b>	hurt sb, often in a fight or accident
<b>fight</b> <i>pt/pp fought</i>	use physical strength, guns, weapons, etc. against sb/sth. Sb who fights is a <b>fighter</b> . <b>fight</b> <i>n</i>
<b>battle</b>	a fight between armies in a war <b>gun battle</b>
<b>fire</b> <i>(at/on sb/sth)</i>	shoot bullets from a gun
<b>enemy</b>	the people your army or country is fighting against
<b>leader</b>	a person who controls a group or team
<b>escape</b>	get free from sb/sth <b>SYN</b> <b>get away</b>
<b>weapon</b>	sth, such as a gun or knife, that is used to kill or injure people
<b>army</b>	a large group of soldiers who fight on land in a war
<b>be in control</b> <i>(of sth)</i>	have the power or ability to deal with sth

## B Peace

The region has been **at war** for several years now. All the countries **involved** have been **holding talks** for over a year to try and end the **fighting**. The first **attempt** at **peace** was **rejected** **within** days, but further talks at **reaching an agreement** have taken place, and now it seems that the two **sides** are more **determined** to achieve a **lasting** peace.

### SPOTLIGHT verb + noun

Certain verbs are often used together with certain nouns.

- **reach** *an agreement*
- **make** *an attempt*
- **hold** *talks*
- **go** *to war*

### GLOSSARY

<b>at war</b>	fighting with weapons against different groups or countries, usually for a long time
<b>involved (in sth)</b>	being part of sth or connected with sth
<b>involve v</b>	
<b>talks pl</b>	formal discussions between countries and their governments
<b>fighting</b>	the activity of fighting against the enemy
<b>attempt (at sth)</b>	trying to do sth that is difficult <b>attempt</b> v
<b>peace</b>	a time when there is no war between people or countries
<b>reject</b>	say that you do not want sb/sth <b>rejection</b> n
<b>within</b>	before the end of
<b>agreement</b>	a contract or decision that two or more people have made together
<b>side</b>	one of two groups who fight or play a game against each other
<b>determined</b>	very certain that you want to do sth
<b>lasting</b>	continuing for a long time

#### 4 Cover the glossary. Circle the correct answer.

- If you hold **talks**, you have *formal* / *informal* discussions with people.
- 1 If something happens **within** a week, it will happen in *less* / *more* than a week.
- 2 If you **reject** something, you say you *want* / *don't want* it.
- 3 If you are **involved** in something, you are *part* / *not part* of it.
- 4 If you make an **attempt** at doing something, you *try* / *fail* to do it.
- 5 If you are **at war** with another country, the *fighting has not ended* / *the sides are involved in talks*.
- 6 If you are **determined**, you are *sure* / *not sure* that you want to do something.
- 7 If something is **lasting**, it continues for a *short* / *long* time.
- 8 If you **reach an agreement** with somebody, you have *made a decision with them* / *had an argument with them*.

#### 5 Complete the text.



The civil war has now lasted almost ten years. The two ► **sides** have (1) ..... an agreement on several occasions in the past, but so far it has never been a (2) ..... peace. Last month, however, the two leaders (3) ..... in the war agreed to stop the (4) ..... and hold new (5) ..... in a final (6) ..... to achieve peace. They say they are (7) ..... to reach an (8) ..... this time. But if either side walks away and (9) ..... these latest proposals for peace, they may still be at (10) ..... for many years.

#### 6 Complete the sentences in a logical way. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

- They want to achieve a lasting *peace/solution* .....
- 1 Both sides want to reach an ..... .
- 2 I'm going to make one final ..... .
- 3 I should finish my report within ..... .
- 4 The two sides have agreed to hold ..... .
- 5 She rejected my ..... .
- 6 I'm determined to ..... .



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