

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.



soldiers

GLOSSARY

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

1 Match 1-6 with a-g.

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| ▶ 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.

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

3 Complete the dialogues.

- ▶ How many soldiers 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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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

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